LOUISIANA TECH
2026 BULLDOG FOOTBALL

3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | **15 BOWL APPEARANCES** | **3 NFL HALL OF FAMERS**

DATE/TIME: Saturday, Oct. 3
LOCATION: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium
SERIES HISTORY: Army leads 3-0
STREAK: L3
LAST MEETING: Dec. 28, 2024 (L, 6-27 - Shreveport)
MEDIA: ESPN+
TALENT: Malcolm Butler (PxP), Luke McCown (Analyst)
RADIO: LA Tech Sports Network | LA Tech Athletics app
TALENT: Kyle Schassburger (pxp), Teddy Allen (analyst), Sam Newcombe (sideline)
STATS: LATechSports.com/Stats



LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS (1-2, 0-0 SBC)
Head Coach: Sonny Cumbie
Record at LA Tech: 20-33 (5th year)
Career Record: 22-36 (6th year)
Coaching Record vs. Army: 0-1

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ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS (2-1, 1-1 AMERICAN)
Head Coach: Jeff Monken
Record at Army: 91-64 (13th Year)
Career Record: 127-80 (17th Year)
Coaching Record vs. LA Tech: 1-0

BY THE NUMBERS

6 Louisiana Tech has six consecutive games forcing a turnover on the defensive side of the ball, with 11 interceptions and four fumble recoveries in that span

3 The Bulldogs rank among the top three in the SBC statistical standings in tackles for loss (1st), total defense (2nd), passing defense (2nd), interceptions (2nd), rushing defense (3rd)

10 Among FBS programs, LA Tech ranks in the top 10 in fewest penalties, team sacks and team tackles for loss. Their 11.0 team TFLs/game is the second-highest rate in the country behind Virginia Tech's 11.3 TFLs/game

3 The Bulldogs' 37.7 points per game ranks as the third-highest scoring offense in the Sun Belt, and are one of two SBC teams to allow less than 1,100 yards to opposing offenses

A LA TECH WIN...

- Would be LA Tech's first program win over Army
- Would snap a three-game losing streak to the Black Knights
- Would be head coach Sonny Cumbie's 23rd career coaching win and 21st win since arriving to LA Tech
- Would extend the Bulldogs' winning streak at home to four games since last season
- Would be the first home win when playing Army in Ruston
- Would be the first win over an American Athletic Conference team since 2017 and third since the AAC's inception in 2013

BULLDOG STORYLINES AND LEADERS

• The Bulldogs return home to Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium to host the Army Black Knights for their first clash in Ruston. It will be the fourth all-time matchup between the two programs, and just the second time meeting at a non-neutral location. LA Tech fell to Army, 27-6, in the 2024 Independence Bowl which was their first meeting since 2013--a neutral-site contest in Dallas that saw Army come out on top, 35-16. The first-ever meeting between Tech and Army occurred during the 2008 season in West Point, which resulted in a 14-7 victory for Army.

• Jalen Mickens has surged as a top target through the first three games, posting a Sun Belt-leading average of 99 receiving yards per game and becoming the first Bulldog with back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since Tru Edwards achieved the feat in 2024 during his tenure in Ruston. The second-year receiver has nine catches to lead the Bulldogs and sit in the top 10 among Sun Belt wideouts and is one of six SBC players with multiple receiving touchdowns through two games. Mickens' 297 receiving yards and 432 all-purpose yards are both the fourth-most in the SBC, and is one of three players to average 100+ all-purpose yards per game.

• Despite just having three games played while the rest of the conference has four games under their belt, linebacker Alonzo Jackson Jr. has the fourth-highest average with 8.67 tackles per game. He is also tied for the fifth-most sacks in the SBC with 3.0 after not having recorded a sack in his entire Bulldog career prior to this season. He has 10+ tackles in his last two games, including a career-high 12 tackles at LSU on Sept. 12 to become the first Bulldog with 10+ tackles in back-to-back games since Zach Zimos did so in the final two games of the 2024 season.



QB **TREY KUKUK**
283 PASSING YDs | 127 RUSHING YDs | 3 TDs



WR **JALEN MICKENS**
13 REC | 297 REC. YARDS | 3 TOTAL TDs



LB **ALONZO JACKSON JR.**
26 TACKLES | 6.0 TFL | 3.0 SACKS | 1 INT | 1 PBU



LB **KOLBE FIELDS**
17 TACKLES | 4.0 TFL | 1.0 SACK | 1 FF | 1 QB HURRY

2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

NORTHWESTERN STATE Sept. 5 ESPN+	at LSU Sept. 12 SEC Network+	at BAYLOR Sept. 19 ESPNU	ARMY Oct. 3 ESPN+	UL-LAFAYETTE* Oct. 10 ESPN+	at ULM* Oct. 17	OLD DOMINION* Oct. 24	at SOUTH ALABAMA* Oct. 31	at TROY* Nov. 7	SOUTHERN MISS* Nov. 14	ARKANSAS STATE* Nov. 21	at GEORGIA SOUTHERN* Nov. 28

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QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Location	Ruston, Louisiana
Founded	1894
Enrollment	12,145 (as of Spring 2026)
Nickname	Bulldogs
School Colors	Red and Blue
Conference	Sun Belt
President	Dr. Jim Henderson
Athletic Director	Ryan Ivey
SWA	Mary Kay Hungate
Primary Sport Administrator	Hunter Geisman
Faculty Athletic Rep	Dr. Donna Thomas
Athletics Website	LATechSports.com

TEAM

2025 Record	8-5
2025 CUSA Record	5-3 (5th)
Letterwinners R/L	42/36
Starters R/L	10/18
Newcomers	48

HISTORY

All-Time Record	656-512-38
First Year of Football	1901 (124th season)
Conference Championships	25
Last Conference Championship	2011 (WAC)
All-Time Bowl Record	9-5-1
Last Bowl Appearance	2025
	Independence Bowl (LA Tech 23, Coastal Carolina 14)
CUSA Record	54-40 (12 seasons)
CUSA Championship Record	0-2
Last CUSA Championship Appearance	2016
	Bowling Green, Ky. (LA Tech 44, WKU 58)

RADIO

Network	LA Tech Sports Network
General Manager	Brad Pietz
Office Phone	(318) 257-5331
Play-by-play	Kyle Schassburger
Analyst	Teddy Allen
Sideline	Jerry Byrd

MONDAY MEDIA PRESSERS

Head coach Sonny Cumbie and select student-athletes will meet with the media every Monday prior to a game. The press conference begins at Noon CT with Coach Cumbie and selected players. Video and audio of each presser will be uploaded to the LA Tech Athletics YouTube Channel.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

Practices this week will be closed to the media. Interviews are available upon request. All interview requests must be directed to the Louisiana Tech Strategic Communications Office at least 24 hours in advance. Please send all requests via email to featherston@latech.edu.

WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

All interview requests should be made to George "GB" Brandon at least 24 hours in advance. All media availability times are subject to change. Please contact LA Tech Strategic Communications for any additional requests or changes in the schedule. (Note: First-year players are not available to the media unless by special request)

For games in Ruston, all Louisiana Tech postgame press conferences will be held after each game following a 10-minute cooling off period. No interviews will be allowed on the field with players and/or coaches immediately following games. Coach Cumbie and select Louisiana Tech players will be available in the LA Tech Team Room following games.

COACH/PLAYER AVAILABILITY

All members of the Louisiana Tech coaching staff are available during the designated days and times throughout the year. All returning players are available during the designated days and times, but newcomers are not available to the media unless under special request that access is granted.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Louisiana Tech fans can access the most in-depth information regarding all the University's programs through social media opportunities available online.

Twitter X – Members of the Louisiana Tech Strategic Communications department will be tweeting throughout the year with the latest news and in-game score updates. To follow them, simply find them on www.twitter.com.

@LATechFB – Direct reports from football practices and games

@LATechSports – General athletic department information

WE ARE LOUISIANA TECH

We are excited you are covering Louisiana Tech Football this season. In doing so, we ask that you please refer to us by our correct name and abbreviation. Thanks and go Bulldogs!

CORRECT > Louisiana Tech, LA Tech (pronounced Lah), Tech, Bulldogs or 'Dogs
INCORRECT > LT, LTU, La Tech, La. Tech or Dawgs

2-DEEP (GAME 4 VS. ARMY)

OFFENSE

QB		HT	WT	YR
5	Blake Baker	6-5	220	4th
2	Trey Kukuk	6-1	201	4th
7	Jackson Bradley	6-3	220	2nd

RB				
26	Dylone Brooks	5-10	200	2nd
0	Jaden Miller	6-0	202	4th

TE				
84	Eli Finley	6-6	244	4th
87	Brayden Bockler	6-4	237	3rd

WR-X				
47	Jay Wilkerson	6-1	175	5th
6	Marcus Calwise Jr.	5-10	190	3rd
83	Carter Harris	6-4	190	1st

WR-H				
11	Jalen Mickens	5-9	187	2nd
3	Dedrick Latulas	5-7	165	4th
8	David Pierro	5-11	185	4th

WR-Z				
86	Talyn Shettron	6-2	195	5th
15	Luke Watkins	6-4	205	2nd

LT				
72	Hayden Christman	6-6	331	4th
57	Tadan Bingham	6-5	290	1st

LG				
79	Ashanti Cole	6-3	312	5th
74	Jamon Lee Jr.	6-3	300	4th

C				
60	Roy Brackins III	6-3	308	4th
56	Andrew Richard	6-3	304	3rd

RG				
53	Austin Ellis	6-4	305	3rd
66	Will Hutchens	6-3	305	4th

RT				
52	Troy Smith III	6-3	301	4th
58	Tye Hylton	6-5	290	3rd

DEFENSE

DE		HT	WT	YR
98	Donovan Rieman	6-4	265	5th
99	Judd Rouyea	6-2	267	4th
90	Jojo Odom	6-4	265	2nd

DT				
93	Jacob Bradford	6-1	290	3rd
OR				
54	Justice Williams	6-3	310	6th
91	Za'Qwaun Nunn	6-1	285	1st

DE				
11	Emmanuel Oguns	6-5	260	5th
92	Lane Condry	6-4	270	3rd
OR				
44	Kaleb Coleman	6-4	255	3rd

LB				
10	Kolbe Fields	6-0	225	6th
22	Jadon Mayfield	5-11	225	3rd

LB				
24	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	6-1	227	3rd
35	Cole Watson	6-0	220	3rd

LB				
21	Zheric Hill	6-0	230	2nd
40	Ayden Combs	6-2	220	1st

CB				
7	Janard Lockhardt	6-1	180	4th
3	Kameron Carter	6-1	175	4th

STAR				
16	Taeden Rogers	6-0	170	2nd
OR				
13	MJ Moultrie II	5-11	195	4th
27	Grayson Hardy	6-3	215	1st

FS				
0	Jordan McRae	5-11	180	3rd
20	Ty Jones	6-2	200	4th
5	Ahkhari Johnson	5-11	191	3rd

SS				
1	Sam Fongang	6-2	195	4th
4	Kam Franklin	6-2	211	4th
39	Jacoryian Crowe	5-10	175	3rd

CB				
2	Amari Butler	5-10	186	4th
17	Demario Bookhart	6-1	175	3rd

SPECIAL TEAMS

K		HT	WT	YR
31	Hunter Rioux	5-10	170	4th
38	Kaegan Kent	5-8	160	2nd

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P				
29	Lexington Matthews	6-3	196	4th

LS				
41	Ean Burch	6-0	215	6th
69	Trent Sims	6-3	210	3rd
OR				
59	Jake Riggs	5-11	188	3rd

PR				
3	Dedrick Latulas	5-7	165	4th
11	Jalen Mickens	5-9	187	2nd

KR				
3	Dedrick Latulas	5-7	165	4th
26	Dylone Brooks	5-10	200	2nd
5	Ahkhari Johnson	5-11	191	3rd

H				
29	Lexington Matthews	6-3	196	4th

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/Previous School
0	Jordan McRae	DB	5-11	180	3rd	McRae, Ga. / Georgia Military College
0	Jaden Miller	RB	6-0	202	4th	Miami, Fla. / Keiser
1	Sam Fongang	DB	6-2	195	4th	Mansfield,Texas / Tyler JC
1	Andrew Burnette	RB	6-2	238	5th	Stuart, Fla. / Keiser
2	Amari Butler	DB	5-10	186	4th	Petal, Miss. / Pearl River CC
2	Trey Kukuk	QB	6-1	201	4th	Mission Viejo, Cal. / Saddleback College
3	Kameron Carter	DB	6-1	175	4th	Natchez, Miss. / Southwest Mississippi CC
3	Dedrick Latulas	WR	5-7	165	4th	New Iberia, La. / Westgate HS
4	Kam Franklin	DB	6-2	211	4th	Oak Grove, La. / Oklahoma State
5	Blake Baker	QB	6-5	220	4th	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
5	Ahkari Johnosn	DB	5-11	191	3rd	Texarkana, Texas / Arkansas
6	Marcus Calwise Jr.	WR	5-10	190	3rd	Youngstown, Ohio / Eastern Kentucky
7	Jackson Bradley	QB	6-3	220	2nd	Oak Grove, La. / Oak Grove HS
7	Janard Lockhardt	DB	6-1	180	4th	Baltimore, Md. / Tyler JC
8	David Pierro	WR	5-11	185	4th	Fresno, Cal. / Diablo Valley CC
9	Joshua Brantley	TE	6-4	220	2nd	Ruston, La. / Tulane
10	Kolbe Fields	LB	6-0	225	6th	New Orleans, La. / LSU
11	Jalen Mickens	WR	5-9	187	2nd	Willis, Texas / Willis HS
11	Emmanuel Oguns	DL	6-5	260	5th	Alief, Texas / Tyler JC
13	MJ Moultrie II	DB	5-11	195	4th	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Hampton
13	Michael Kirby	QB	6-2	200	1st	Zachary, La. / Zachary HS
14	Brady Vodicka	QB	6-2	215	1st	Englewood, Colo. / Cherry Creek
14	Damien Richard II	DB	6-0	170	1st	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
15	Luke Watkins	WR	6-4	205	2nd	Prosper, Texas / Wialnut Grove
15	Franklin Morgan Jr.	DB	5-10	170	1st	Amite, La. / Amite HS
16	Taeden Rogers	DB	6-0	170	2nd	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Golden West College
17	Dane Benedix	WR	6-0	195	4th	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback College
17	Demario Bookhart	DB	6-1	175	3rd	Spartunburg, S.C. / South Carolina State
18	Jaitlin Hampton	DB	5-11	170	3rd	Lancaster, Texas / Coastal Carolina
19	Mason Welch	QB	6-5	227	4th	Shreveport, La. / Kilgore JC
19	AJ Tarvin	DB	6-1	175	1st	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Hattiesburg HS
20	Ty Jones	DB	6-2	200	4th	Hollywood, Fla. / Norfolk State
20	Rayshun Hurt	RB	5-10	185	1st	San Antonio, Texas / Johnson HS
21	Zheric Hill	LB	6-0	230	2nd	Grambling, La. / Ruston HS
22	Jadon Mayfield	LB	5-11	225	3rd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
22	Demarcus Belton	RB	5-11	200	1st	Alvarado, Texas / Alvarado HS
23	Javari Lockhart	DB	6-1	170	2nd	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
23	Sergio Snider	RB	5-11	200	3rd	Fort Worth, Texas / Navarro College
24	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	LB	6-1	227	3rd	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
24	Kenny Thomas	RB	5-9	170	1st	Stonewall, La. / North Desoto HS
25	Colton Deckhard	LB	6-2	220	3rd	Muenster, Texas / Muenster HS
26	Dylone Brooks	RB	5-10	200	2nd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
26	Nathan Green	DB	5-11	175	1st	Shreveport, La. / Huntington HS
27	Grayson Hardy	LB	6-3	215	1st	Sulphur Springs, Texas / Sulphur Springs HS
28	Jeremiah Smith	LB	6-1	220	1st	Katy, Texas / Katy HS
28	Harrison Williams	RB	6-0	185	2nd	Celina, Texas / Harding
29	Lexington Matthews	P	6-3	196	3rd	Atlanta, Ga. / Savannah State
30	Reuben Edwards	P	6-6	240	1st	Melbourne, Australia / Pro Kick Australia
31	Brayden Curry	WR	5-7	161	3rd	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
31	Hunter Rioux	K	5-10	170	4th	Austin, Texas / Butler CC
32	Emanual Collins	DB	5-11	170	1st	Youngsville, La. / Southside HS
33	Jaylon Parnell	LB	5-11	224	2nd	Pascagoula, Miss. / Pascagoula HS
35	Cole Watson	LB	6-0	220	3rd	Marshall, Texas / Tatum HS
36	Zander Hayes	LB	5-10	194	2nd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
36	Riley Small	RB	5-10	190	3rd	Gonzales, La. / University Lab
37	Zachary Jackson	LB	5-10	170	3rd	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
38	Kaegan Kent	K	5-8	160	2nd	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
39	Jacoryian Crowe	DB	5-10	175	3rd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
40	Ayden Combs	LB	6-2	220	1st	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
41	Ean Burch	LS	6-0	215	6th	Shreveport, La. / Loyola College Prep
41	Jake Kim	DB	5-11	175	1st	Englewood, Colo. / Cherry Creek HS
43	Justin Thomas	DB	5-11	165	1st	Blanchard, La. / Northwood HS
44	Kaleb Coleman	DL	6-4	255	4th	Trophy Club, Texas / East Texas A&M
45	Skylar Kirk	TE	6-3	235	1st	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS
46	Daylin Page	DL	6-4	236	2nd	Hattiesburg, Miss. / North Forrest HS
46	Hunter Fox	K	6-1	186	1st	West Monroe, La. / West Monroe HS
47	Jay Wilkerson	WR	6-1	175	5th	Midlothian, Texas / Navarro College
48	Kaden McIver	DL	6-3	230	3rd	Oakland, Calif. / Diablo Valley CC
49	James Predtechenkis	LB	6-1	200	3rd	Richardson, Texas / Covenant Christian HS
50	Tazio Rosso	OL	6-1	271	2nd	St. Marys, Ga. / Camden County HS
51	Amery Edwards	DL	6-2	285	3rd	Alexandria, La. / Co-Lin CC
52	Troy Smith III	OL	6-3	301	4th	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
53	Austin Ellis	OL	6-4	305	3rd	Whitehouse, Texas / Bullard HS
54	Justice Williams	DL	6-3	310	6th	Tampa, Fla. / West Florida
56	Andrew Richard	OL	6-3	304	3rd	Central, La. / Central HS
57	Tadan Bingham	OL	6-5	290	1st	Houma, La. / Terrebonne HS
58	Tye Hylton	OL	6-5	290	3rd	Oviedo, Fla. / Florida State
59	Jake Riggs	LS	5-11	188	3rd	Dallas, Texas / Prestonwood Christian Academy
60	Roy Brackins III	OL	6-3	308	4th	Baton Rouge, La. / Woodlawn HS
61	Ervin Smith	OL	6-1	292	2nd	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS
63	Kaleb Campbell	OL	6-7	305	1st	Lafayette, La. / Lafayette Christian Academy
66	Will Hutchens	OL	6-3	305	4th	Lindale, Texas / Sam Houston
69	Trent Sims	LS	6-3	210	3rd	Sanford, Fla. / FIU
72	Hayden Christman	OL	6-6	331	4th	Tioga, La. / Tioga HS
73	Jackson Speer	OL	6-5	280	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
74	Jamon Lee Jr.	OL	6-3	300	4th	New Iberia, La. / Tyler JC
75	Jacob McRae	OL	6-5	285	1st	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
76	Cyler Corn	OL	6-4	314	3rd	Groesbeck, Texas / Groesbeck HS
77	Aric Adcock	OL	6-3	290	1st	Fort Worth, Texas / All Saints Episopical School
79	Ashanti Cole	OL	6-3	312	5th	Coushatta, La. / Grambling State
80	Deven Muniz	TE	6-3	223	4th	Covina, Calif. / Pasadena City College
81	William Mayes	TE	6-6	240	1st	Katy, Texas / Tompkins HS
82	Luke Seib	TE	6-4	220	4th	Blue Springs, Mo. / UTEP
83	Carter Harris	WR	6-4	190	1st	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
84	Eli Finley	TE	6-6	246	4th	Heath, Texas / Rockwall Heath HS
85	Johnny Casey Jr.	WR	5-9	165	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
86	Talyn Shettron	WR	6-2	195	5th	Edmond, Okla. / Oklahoma State
87	Brayden Bockler	TE	6-4	237	3rd	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. / Saddleback CC
88	Johnnie Theil IV	WR	5-11	175	2nd	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
89	Chase Grosfeld	WR	6-2	200	3rd	Cypress, Calif. / Cerritos College
90	Jojo Odom	DL	6-2	265	2nd	Parrish, Ala. / Jasper HS
91	Za'Qwaun Nunn	DL	6-1	285	1st	Houston, Texas / North Shore HS
92	Lane Condry	DL	6-4	270	3rd	Broken Arrow, Okla. / NE Oklahoma A&M
93	Jacob Bradford	DL	6-1	290	3rd	Pass Christian, Miss. / St. Stanislaus HS
94	Amari Wilks	DL	6-3	240	1st	Pearland, Texas / Pearland HS
96	Ashton Dawson	DL	6-2	285	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
98	Donovan Rieman	DL	6-4	265	5th	Enid, Okla. / Kansas State
99	Judd Rouyea	DL	6-2	267	4th	St. Amant, La. / Catholic HS

COACHING STAFF

Name	Title	Experience (LA Tech)
Sonny Cumbie	Head Coach	5th Year
Dan Sharp	Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams	5th Year
Luke Olson	Defensive Coordinator	2nd Year
Nathan Young	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	5th Year
Lorenzo Joe	Wide Receivers	3rd Year
Teddy Veal	Running Backs	7th Year
Carlton Buckels	Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Cornerbacks	2nd Year
Paul Randolph	Defensive Line	2nd Year
Josh Creech	Linebackers	2nd Year
Isaiah Graham	Wide Receivers	2nd Year
Dexter McCoil Sr	Safeties	1st Year
Vincent Johnson	Offensive Line	2nd Year
Cole Thomas	Inside WRs/Tight Ends	1st Year
Quin Jones	Assistant Linebackers/Edge Rushers	1st Year
Bobby Lawrence	Assistant Defensive Line	1st Year
Luke Ward	Assistant Quarterbacks	4th Year
Matt Weiner	Assistant Safeties	3rd Year
Jakari Foster	Assistant Safeties	1st Year
Bill Best	Run Game Coordinator	1st Year

SUPPORT STAFF

Name	Title
Hunter Geisman	Sport Administrator
Dave Scholz	Director of Football Sports Performance
Brian Mayper	Assistant A.D./Football Chief of Staff
Jacob Martinez	Assistant A.D./Football Operations
Jenna Latour	Director of On-Campus Recruiting/Player & Family Engagement
Evan Dauterive	Head Athletic Trainer
Ava Korinke	Athletic Trainer
Aimee Travis	Athletic Trainer
Leigha Presley	Director of Video Technology
Sophie Wideman	Academic Advisor
Brandon Dubuy	Assistant A.D./Equipment & Operations
Grant Saizan	Football Sports Performance Intern
Justin Apodaca	Director of Scouting
Sam Hackney	Assistant Director of Football Operations
Alex Hilty	Football Sports Performance Intern
George "GB" Brandon Jr.	Assistant A.D./Broadcasting & Football Media Contact
Drew Parsley	Associate Director/Strategic Communications

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown/Previous School
77	Aric Adcock	OL	6-3	290	1st	Fort Worth, Texas / All Saints Episcopal School
5	Blake Baker	QB	6-5	220	4th	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
22	Demarcus Belton	RB	5-11	200	1st	Alvarado, Texas / Alvarado HS
17	Dane Benedix	WR	6-0	195	4th	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback College
57	Tadan Bingham	OL	6-5	290	1st	Houma, La. / Terrebonne HS
87	Brayden Bockler	TE	6-4	237	3rd	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. / Saddleback College
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63	Kaleb Campbell	OL	6-7	305	1st	Lafayette, La. / Lafayette Christian Academy
3	Kameron Carter	DB	6-1	175	4th	Natchez, Miss. / Southwest Miss. CC
85	Johnny Casey Jr.	WR	5-9	165	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
72	Hayden Christman	OL	6-6	331	4th	Tioga, La. / Tioga HS
79	Ashanti Cole	OL	6-3	312	5th	Coushatta, La. / Grambling State
44	Kaleb Coleman	DL	6-4	255	3rd	Trophy Club, Texas / East Texas A&M
32	Emanual Collins	DB	5-11	170	1st	Youngsville, La. / Southside HS
40	Ayden Combs	LB	6-2	220	1st	Cypress, Texas / Cypress Ranch HS
92	Lane Condry	DL	6-4	270	3rd	Broken Arrow, Okla. / NE Oklahoma A&M
76	Cyler Corn	OL	6-4	314	3rd	Groesbeck, Texas / Groesbeck HS
39	Jacoryian Crowe	DB	5-10	175	3rd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
31	Brayden Curry	WR	5-7	161	3rd	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
96	Ashton Dawson	DL	6-2	285	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
25	Colton Deckard	LB	6-2	220	4th	Muenster, Texas / Muenster HS
51	Amery Edwards	DL	6-2	285	3rd	Alexandria, La. / Copiah-Lincoln CC
30	Reuben Edwards	P	6-6	240	1st	Melbourne, Australia / Pro Kick Australia
53	Austin Ellis	OL	6-4	305	3rd	Whitehouse, Texas / Bullard HS
10	Kolbe Fields	LB	6-0	225	6th	New Orleans, La. / LSU
84	Eli Finley	TE	6-6	246	4th	Heath, Texas / Rockwall-Heath HS
1	Sam Fongang	DB	6-2	195	4th	Mansfield, Texas / Tyler JC
46	Hunter Fox	K	6-1	185	1st	West Monroe, La. / West Monroe HS
4	Kam Franklin	DB	6-2	211	4th	Oak Grove, La. / Oklahoma State
26	Nathan Green	DB	5-11	175	1st	Shreveport, La. / Huntington HS
89	Chase Grosfeld	WR	6-2	200	4th	Cypress, Calif. / Cerritos College
18	Jaitlin Hampton	DB	5-11	170	4th	Lancaster, Texas / Coastal Carolina
27	Grayson Hardy	LB	6-3	215	1st	Sulphur Springs, Texas / Sulphur Springs HS
83	Carter Harris	WR	6-4	190	1st	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
30	Zander Hayes	LB	5-10	194	2nd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
21	Zheric Hill	LB	6-0	230	2nd	Grambling, La. / Ruston HS
20	Rayshun Hurt	RB	5-10	185	1st	San Antonio, Texas / Johnson HS
66	Will Hutchens	OL	6-3	305	4th	Lindale, Texas / Sam Houston
58	Tye Hylton	OL	6-5	290	3rd	Oviedo, Fla. / Florida State
24	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	LB	6-1	227	3rd	Haynesville, La. / Haynesville HS
37	Zachary Jackson	DB	5-10	170	3rd	Monroe, La. / Ouachita Parish HS
5	Ahkhari Johnson	DB	5-11	191	3rd	Texarkana, Texas / Arkansas
20	Ty Jones	DB	6-2	200	4th	Hollywood, Fla. / Norfolk State
38	Kaegan Kent	K	5-8	160	2nd	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
41	Jake Kim	DB	5-11	175	1st	Englewood, Colo. / Cherry Creek HS
13	Michael Kirby	QB	6-2	200	1st	Zachary, La. / Zachary HS
45	Skylar Kirk	TE	6-3	235	1st	Aledo, Texas / Aledo HS
2	Trey Kukuk	QB	6-1	201	4th	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Saddleback College
3	Dedrick Latulas	WR	5-7	165	4th	New Iberia, La. / Westgate HS
74	Jamon Lee Jr.	OL	6-3	300	4th	New Iberia, La. / Tyler JC
7	Janard Lockhardt	DB	6-1	180	4th	Baltimore, Md. / Tyler JC
23	Javari Lockhart	DB	6-1	170	2nd	Monroe, La. / Neville HS
29	Lexington Matthews	P	6-3	196	4th	Atlanta, Ga. / Savannah State
81	William Mayes	TE	6-6	240	1st	Katy, Texas / Tompkins HS
22	Jadon Mayfield	LB	5-11	225	3rd	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
48	Kaden McIver	DL	6-3	230	3rd	Oakland, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
75	Jacob McRae	OL	6-5	285	1st	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
0	Jordan McRae	DB	5-11	180	3rd	McRae, Ga. / Georgia Military College
11	Jalen Mickens	WR	5-9	187	2nd	Willis, Texas / Willis HS
0	Jaden Miller	RB	6-0	202	4th	Miami, Fla. / Keiser University
15	Franklin Morgan Jr.	DB	5-10	170	1st	Amite, La. / Amite HS
13	MJ Moultrie II	DB	5-11	195	4th	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Hampton
80	Deven Muniz	TE	6-3	223	4th	West Covina, Calif. / Pasadena City College
91	Za'Qwaun Nunn	DL	6-1	285	1st	Houston, Texas / North Shore HS
90	Jojo Odom	DL	6-4	265	2nd	Parrish, Ala. / Jasper HS
11	Emmanuel Oguns	DL	6-5	260	5th	Alief, Texas / Tyler JC
46	Daylin Page	DL	6-4	236	2nd	Hattiesburg, Miss. / North Forrest HS
33	Jaylon Parnell	LB	5-11	224	2nd	Pascagoula, Miss. / Pascagoula HS
8	David Pierro	WR	5-11	185	4th	Fresno, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
49	James Predtechenskis	LB	6-1	200	3rd	Richardson, Texas / The Covenant School
56	Andrew Richard	OL	6-3	304	3rd	Central, La. / Central HS
14	Damien Richard II	DB	6-0	170	1st	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
98	Donovan Rieman	DL	6-4	265	5th	Enid, Okla. / Kansas State
59	Jake Riggs	LS	5-11	188	3rd	Dallas, Texas / Prestonwood Christian Academy
31	Hunter Rioux	K	5-10	170	4th	Austin, Texas / Butler CC
16	Taeden Rogers	DB	6-0	170	2nd	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Golden West College
50	Tazio Russo	OL	6-1	271	2nd	St. Marys, Ga. / Camden County HS
99	Judd Rouyea	DL	6-2	267	4th	St. Amant, La. / Catholic HS
82	Luke Seib	TE	6-4	220	4th	Blue Springs, Mo. / UTEP
86	Talyn Shettron	WR	6-2	195	5th	Edmond, Okla. / Oklahoma State
69	Trent Sims	LS	6-3	210	3rd	Sanford, Fla. / FIU
36	Riley Small	RB	5-10	190	3rd	Gonzales, La. / University Lab
61	Ervin Smith	OL	6-1	292	2nd	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic HS
52	Troy Smith III	OL	6-3	301	4th	New Orleans, La. / St. Augustine HS
28	Jeremiah Smith	LB	6-1	220	1st	Katy, Texas / Katy HS
23	Sergio Snider	RB	5-11	200	3rd	Fort Worth, Texas / Navarro College
73	Jackson Speer	OL	6-5	280	1st	Shreveport, La. / Evangel Christian Academy
19	AJ Tarvin	DB	6-1	175	1st	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Hattiesburg HS
88	Johnnie Thiel IV	WR	5-11	175	2nd	Destrehan, La. / Destrehan HS
43	Justin Thomas	DB	5-11	165	1st	Blanchard, La. / Northwood HS
24	Kenny Thomas	RB	5-9	170	1st	Stonewall, La. / North Desoto HS
14	Brady Vodicka	QB	6-2	215	1st	Englewood, Colo. / Cherry Creek HS
15	Luke Watkins	WR	6-4	205	2nd	Prosper, Texas / Walnut Grove HS
35	Cole Watson	LB	6-0	220	3rd	Marshall, Texas / Tatum HS
19	Mason Welch	QB	6-5	227	4th	Shreveport, La. / Kilgore JC
47	Jay Wilkerson	WR	6-1	175	5th	Midlothian, Texas / Navarro College
94	Amari Wilks	DL	6-3	240	1st	Pearland, Texas / Pearland HS
28	Harrison Williams	RB	6-0	185	2nd	Celina, Texas / Harding
54	Justice Williams	DL	6-3	310	6th	Tampa, Fla. / West Florida

BY PRONUNCIATION

#1 Sam Fongang	FAWN-gang
#1 Andrew Burnette	Burr-net
#2 Trey Kukuk	Q-cuck
#3 Dedrick Latulas	Dedd-rick LAH-too-lus
#5 Ahkari Johnson	Like Atari with a K
#6 Marcus Calwise Jr.	CALL-wise
#7 Janard Lockhardt	JUH-nard
#8 David Pierro	PEE-air-oh
#11 Jalen Mickens	MICK-ins
#11 Emmanuel Oguns	OH-guns
#13 MJ Moultrie II	MOLE-tree
#14 Brady Vodicka	VAH-dick-uh
#14 Damien Richard II	RICH-urd
#16 Taeden Rogers	TAY-den
#17 Demario Bookhart	DUH-MAR-ee-oh Book-heart
#18 Jaitlin Hampton	JAYT-lin
#20 Rayshun Hurt	Ray-shin
#21 Zheric Hill	Eric with a Z
#22 Jadon Mayfield	Pronunced like Jaden
#23 Sergio Snider	Sir-GEE-oh
#24 Javari Lockhart	JUH-var-ee
#26 Dylone Brooks	DIE-lawn
#31 Hunter Rioux	Like Rio
#38 Kaegen Kent	KAY-gen
#39 Jacoriyan Crowe	Juh-CORE-ee-un
#41 Ean Burch	Like Ian
#46 Daylin Page	DAY-lin
#49 James Predtechenskis	Pred-uh-chins-kiss
#50 Tazio Rosso	TAZ-ee-oh ROSS-oh
#51 Amery Edwards	Aim-ur-ee
#56 Andrew Richard	REE-shard
#57 Tadan Bingham	TAY-dun BING-um
#58 Tye Hylton	Like Ty Hilton
#74 Jamon Lee Jr.	JAH-moan
#76 Cyler Corn	Like Kyler
#77 Aric Adock	Like Eric
#79 Ashanti Cole	Uh-SHAN-tee
#80 Deven Muniz	DEV-in Myoo-nez
#82 Luke Seib	Sybe
#86 Talyn Shettron	Talon Shett-run
#88 Johnnie Thiel IV	Theel
#89 Chase Grosfeld	GRAHS-feld
#91 Za'Qwaun Nunn	Zay-qwan
#98 Donovan Rieman	Rye-man
#99 Judd Rouyea	Roo-yay
Matt Weiner	WINE-ur

BY LOCATION

ALABAMA (1)
Jojo Odom

CALIFORNIA (8)
Dane Benedix
Brayden Bockler
Chase Grosfeld
Trey Kukuk
Kaden McIver
Deven Muniz
David Pierro
Taeden Rogers

COLORADO (2)
Jake Kim
Brady Vodicka

FLORIDA (7)
Andrew Burnette
Tye Hylton
Ty Jones
Jaden Miller
MJ Moultrie II
Trent Sims
Justice Williams

GEORGIA (3)
Lexington Matthews
Jordan McRae
Tazio Russo

LOUISIANA (41)
Tadan Bingham
Roy Brackins III
Jackson Bradley
Joshua Brantley
Dylone Brooks
Ean Burch
Kaleb Campbell
Johnny Casey Jr.
Hayden Christman
Ashanti Cole
Emanual Collins
Jacoryian Crowe
Brayden Curry
Ashton Dawson
Amery Edwards
Kolbe Fields
Hunter Fox
Kam Franklin
Nathan Green
Zander Hayes
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Alonso Jackson Jr.
Zachary Jackson
Kaegan Kent
Michael Kirby
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Jamon Lee Jr.
Javari Lockhart
Jadon Mayfield
Franklin Morgan Jr.
Andrew Richard
Damien Richard II
Judd Rouyea
Riley Small
Ervin Smith
Troy Smith III
Jackson Speer
Johnny Thiel IV
Justin Thomas
Kenny Thomas
Mason Welch

MARYLAND (1)
Janard Lockhardt

MISSISSIPPI (6)
Jacob Bradford
Amari Butler
Kameron Carter
Daylin Page
Jaylon Parnell
AJ Tarvin

MISSOURI (1)
Luke Seib

OHIO (1)
Marcus Calwise Jr.

OKLAHOMA (3)
Lane Condry
Donovan Rieman
Talyn Shettron

SOUTH CAROLINA (1)
Demario Bookhart

TEXAS (32)
Aric Adcock
Blake Baker
Demarcus Belton
Kaleb Coleman
Ayden Combs
Cyler Corn
Colton Deckard
Austin Ellis
Eli Finley
Sam Fongang
Jaitlin Hampton
Grayson Hardy
Carter Harris
Rayshun Hurt
Will Hutchens
Ahkhari Johnson
Skylar Kirk
William Mayes
Jacob McRae
Jalen Mickens
Za'Qwaun Nunn
Emmanuel Oguns
James Predtechenskis
Jake Riggs
Hunter Rioux
Jeremiah Smith
Sergio Snider
Luke Watkins
Cole Watson
Jay Wilkerson
Amari Wilks
Harrison Williams

AUSTRALIA (1)
Reuben Edwards

BREAKDOWN

ROSTER BREAKDOWN (109)

Seniors/Graduates	33
Juniors	29
Sophomores	17
Freshmen	30

RETURNERS (60)

Starters (min. 4 starts)	11
Offense	8
Blake Baker, QB	
Trey Kukuk, QB	
Andrew Burnette, RB	
Jalen Mickens, WR	
Eli Finley, TE	
Roy Brackins III, OL	
Hayden Christman, OL	
Ashanti Cole, OL	
Defense	3
Kolbe Fields, LB	
Jadon Mayfield, LB	
Emmanuel Oguns, DL	

NEWCOMERS (48)

Offense	22
Defense	22
Specialists	4

STAFF CHART


Nathan Young
OC/QBs


Vincent Johnson III
OL


Teddy Veal
RB


Lorenzo Joe
WR


Dan Sharp
AHC/ST


Luke Olson
DC


Carlton Buckels
Def Pass GM
Coord/CB


Dexter McCoil Sr
S


Josh Creech
LB


Paul Randolph
DL



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Year	School/Team	Position
2009	San Angelo	Head Coach/Director of Player Personnel
2009	Texas Tech	Graduate Assistant
2010-12	Texas Tech	Inside Receivers Coach
2013	Texas Tech	Co-Offensive Coordinator/ORs Coach
2014-16	TCU	Co-Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach
2017-20	TCU	Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach
2021	Texas Tech	Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach
2021	Texas Tech	Interim Head Coach
2022-Pres.	Louisiana Tech	Head Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Team
2002-04	Texas Tech (NCAA)
2005*	Indianapolis Colts (NFL)
2006	Los Angeles Avengers (AFL)
2006*	Baltimore Ravens (NFL)
2007-08	Los Angeles Avengers (AFL)
2009	San Angelo Stampede Express (IFL)

** Offseason and/or practice squad member only*

BOWL EXPERIENCE

Year	Bowl	Final Score
2009	Cotton Bowl	Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34
2010	Alamo Bowl	Texas Tech 41, Michigan State 31
2011	TicketCity Bowl	Texas Tech 45, Northwestern 38
2012	Meineke Car Care Bowl	Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31
2013	Holiday Bowl	Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23
2014	Peach Bowl	TCU 42, Ole Miss 3
2015	Alamo Bowl	TCU 47, Oregon 41
2016	Liberty Bowl	Georgia 31, TCU 23
2017	Alamo Bowl	TCU 39, Stanford 37
2018	Cheez-It Bowl	TCU 10, California 7^{OT}
2021	Liberty Bowl	Texas Tech 34, Mississippi State 7
2024	Independence Bowl	LA Tech 6, Army 27
2025	Independence Bowl	LA Tech 23, Coastal Carolina 14

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: Sonny Jack Cumbie
Born: August 8, 1981 in Abilene, Texas
College: Texas Tech University, 2004
Wife: Tamra of Snyder, Texas
Children: Gray Cumbie; Hays Cumbie



JOE AILLET STADIUM

STADIUM FACTS

Nickname: The Joe
Year opened: 1968
Capacity: 28,562
Playing Surface: Pivot 1.5 by Hellas
All-Time Record: 185-81-2
First Game: Sept. 28, 1968 vs. East Carolina (LA Tech 35, ECU 7)
First Touchdown: Buster Herren (LA Tech) 2-yard run vs. East Carolina, Sept. 28, 1968
First TD Pass: Terry Bradshaw (LA Tech) 5-yard pass to Buster Herren vs. East Carolina, Sept. 28, 1968
Longest Winning Streak: 18 twice (Nov. 20, 1971 - Oct. 11, 1975 | Oct. 14, 1989 - Oct. 30, 1993)
Most Points Scored by LA Tech: 80 on Sept. 5, 2026 (W, 80-6 vs. Northwestern State)
Largest Margin of Victory: 74 (LA Tech 80, Northwestern State, 14 on Sept. 5, 2026)

TOP DOG WATCHERS AT THE JOE

28,714	ULM	Sept. 13, 1997
28,100	Mississippi State	Sept. 9, 2007
27,905	Southern	Sept. 5, 2015
27,360	ULM	Dec. 13, 1999
26,910	UL-Lafayette	Oct. 3, 2015
26,004	Northwestern State	Sept. 20, 2014
25,614	Utah State	Nov. 17, 2012
25,224	Mississippi State	Aug. 30, 2008
25,212	Hawai'i	Oct. 2, 2011
24,975	ULM	Sept. 12, 1987
24,628	Houston	Sept. 17, 2011
24,450	ULM	Nov. 2, 1991
24,002	Northwestern State	Sept. 2, 2017

Note: Joe Aillet Stadium has hosted 52 games with crowds over 20,000.

Yearly Records

Year	Overall Record	Conf. Record
1968	3-1	1-1
1969	3-1	2-0
1970	1-3	0-2
1971	4-1	3-0
1972	4-0	2-0
1973	6-0	3-0
1974	5-0	2-0
1975	4-2	2-1
1976	2-1	1-1
1977	2-1-1	1-0-1
1978	4-1	3-0
1979	2-2	1-2
1980	2-2	1-2
1981	2-1-1	1-0-1
1982	5-1	1-0
1983	1-3	0-3
1984	4-1	3-0
1985	4-1	2-1
1986	2-1	1-1
1987	1-2	N/A
1988	2-4	N/A
1989	3-0	N/A
1990	5-0	N/A
1991	4-0	N/A
1992	4-0	N/A
1993	2-2	N/A
1994	2-3	N/A
1995	2-1	N/A
1996	3-1	N/A
1997	4-0	N/A
1998	4-1	N/A
1999	3-0	N/A
2000	2-2	N/A
2001	3-0	3-0
2002	2-1	2-1
2003	1-3	1-3
2004	3-1	2-1
2005	4-1	3-1
2006	2-3	1-3
2007	3-2	2-2
2008	5-1	3-1
2009	4-1	3-1
2010	2-4	2-2
2011	3-2	2-1
2012	4-1	2-1
2013	2-3	1-3
2014	4-1	4-0
2015	5-1	3-1
2016	5-0	4-0
2017	3-4	1-3
2018	3-2	2-2
2019	6-0	4-0
2020	3-1	2-1
2021	3-3	2-2
2022	3-2	2-2
2023	2-4	1-3
2024	4-2	3-2
2025	5-1	3-1
2026	1-0	----

DECADE OF RENOVATIONS TO THE JOE

Joe Aillet Stadium has changed a lot in its 50+ years of existence, especially in the last 10 years.

2015 | Davison Athletics Complex | $20 million
Three-story, 70,000-square foot end zone facility

2017 | Press Box/Suites | $16.7 million
Two-story, 30,000-square foot facility plus camera deck

2024 | Video board | $6.8 million
3,240-square foot end zone display with custom audio system

INSIDE THE MATCHUP

CATEGORY	LA TECH	FBS	ARMY	FBS
Total Offense	343.0	115	436.7	40
Rushing Offense	122.3	115	355.7	1
Passing Offense	220.7	82	81.0	137
Team Passing Eff.	148.90	56	156.71	44
Scoring Offense	37.7	33	34.7	50
Total Defense	358.3	78	331.0	60
Rushing Defense	132.7	74	138.0	78
Passing Yards Allowed	225.7	93	193.0	53
Team Passing Eff. Def.	142.06	103	140.87	100
Scoring Defense	29.0	111	16.0	30
Turnover Margin	0.67	39	-0.33	T-94
3rd Down Conv. %	.415	68	.500	20
4th Down Conv. %	.286	T-120	1.000	T-1
3rd Down Conv. % Def.	.354	61	.353	T-58
4th Down Conv. % Def.	.500	T-59	.250	23
Red Zone Offense	.667	130	.917	T-39
Red Zone Defense	.867	T-77	1.000	128
Net Punting	37.73	T-104	45.44	7
Punt Returns	16.5	27	16.67	25
Kickoff Returns	19.25	77	17.33	96
First Downs Offense	56	135	74	100
First Downs Defense	55	T-17	47	T-4
Fewest Penalties PG	5.33	32	3.33	2
Fewest Penalty Yards PG	48.67	34	36.67	13
Time of Possession	27:39	119	35:35	3

INSIDE THE SERIES

Army leads 3-0

In Ruston 0-0
In West Point 0-1
Neutral 0-2
Current Streak L3
Longest Win Streak ..... N/A
Most LA Tech Points ..... 16 (L, 16-35 - Sept. 28, 2013 - Dallas)
Most Army Points ..... 35 (L, 16-35 - Sept. 28, 2013 - Dallas)
Most Combined Points ..... 51 (L, 16-35 - Sept. 28, 2013 - Dallas)
Biggest LA Tech Win ..... N/A
Biggest Army Win ... 27-6 (Dec. 28, 2024 - Independence Bowl)

SERIES SCORES

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE
2024	Shreveport	L, 6-27
2013	Dallas	L, 16-35
2008	West Point	L, 7-14

2026 LEADERS

LOUISIANA TECH LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	YPG
TREY KUKUK	20	127	6.4	0	42.3
ANDREW BURNETTE	19	68	3.6	1	22.7
DYLONE BROOKS	9	50	5.6	1	16.7

PASSING	C-A-I	COMP %	YARDS	TD	YPG
BLAKE BAKER	21-35-1	60	360	4	180.0
TREY KUKUK	32-51-1	62.7	283	3	94.3

RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	YPG
JALEN MICKENS	13	297	22.8	2	99.0
ELI FINLEY	14	132	9.4	2	44.0
TALYN SHETTRON	7	80	11.4	1	26.7

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU
ALONZO JACKSON JR.	15-11-26	6.0	3.0	1	1
SAM FONGANG	11-10-21	3.0	0	0	0
JADON MAYFIELD	9-9-18	4.0	1.0	0	0

ARMY LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET	AVG.	TD	YPG
CALE HELLUMS	47	246	5.2	5	82.0
GODSPOWER NWAWUIHE	37	164	4.4	2	54.7

PASSING	C-A-I	COMP %	YARDS	TD	YPG
CALE HELLUMS	16-25-0	64.0	186	2	62.0

RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	YPG
SAMARI HOWARD	5	62	12.4	0	20.7
ZACH MUNDELL	4	55	13.8	1	18.3

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU
ELIJAH WALTON	10-11-21	1.5	0.5	0	1
JAQUAVIOUS MOSS	8-8-16	0.5	0	0	0
STEPHEN NNADOZIE	8-5-13	1.0	0	0	1

MATCHUP NOTES

- This will be the fourth all-time meeting between Army and the Bulldogs, and the first time ever playing a football game in Ruston
- The Bulldogs will be seeking just their second win in program history over an Armed Forces Academy, with their first and only win coming against No. 25 Navy in the 2016 Armed Forces Bowl with a final score of 48-45
- Army kept the LA Tech offense quiet in their previous matchup with a 27-6 win in the 2024 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl, where the Black Knights held the Bulldogs to just 218 yards of total offense
- Saturday's game will be the eighth matchup for LA Tech when facing a team from the American Athletic Conference, currently holding a 2-5 record against AAC teams with wins over Navy (2016 Armed Forces Bowl) and SMU (2017 Frisco Bowl)
- The Bulldogs have never beaten a military academy or a team from the AAC in a regular-season contest

SITUATIONALLY

SITUATION	2026	Cumbie
Playing at Joe Aillet Stadium	1-0	15-9
Playing on the road	0-2	4-23
Playing on a neutral field	0-0	1-1
Playing at night	1-1	14-19
Playing during the day	0-1	6-14
LA Tech scores on first possession	1-1	15-7
Opponent scores on first possession	1-1	4-12
LA Tech scores first	0-0	14-7
Opponent scores first	1-2	6-24
LA Tech leads after 1st quarter	1-0	16-8
Opponent leads after 1st quarter	0-1	3-20
Tied after 1st quarter	0-1	1-5
LA Tech leads at halftime	1-0	16-5
Opponent leads at halftime	0-2	3-18
Tied at halftime	0-0	1-1
LA Tech leads after 3rd quarter	1-0	16-2
Opponent leads after 3rd quarter	0-2	4-19
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0	0-2
Game goes to overtime	0-0	1-6
LA Tech has more total yards	1-0	14-5
Opponent has more total yards	0-2	6-17
LA Tech has more rushing yards	1-0	15-4
Opponent has more rushing yards	0-2	6-28
LA Tech has more passing yards	1-0	10-20
Opponent has more passing yards	0-2	10-14
LA Tech has more turnovers	0-0	5-14
Opponent has more turnovers	1-0	15-10
Teams have equal turnovers	0-2	0-9
LA Tech has more penalties	0-0	8-13
Opponent has more penalties	1-2	10-13
Teams have equal penalties	0-0	2-5
LA Tech has more time of possession	0-1	13-15
Opponent has more time of possession	1-1	7-19
LA Tech has 100-yard rusher	0-0	10-3
Opponent has 100-yard rusher	0-0	4-13
LA Tech scores at least 20 points	1-0	18-18
Opponent scores at least 20 points	0-2	6-30
LA Tech throws for 300 yards	0-0	3-7
Opponent throws for 300 yards	0-1	3-4
Playing on natural grass	0-1	0-7
Playing on artificial surface	1-1	20-27
LA Tech defense scores	0-1	11-2
Opponent defense scores	0-0	1-5

BULLDOG NOTES

GETTING TO THE BACKFIELD

The Bulldogs pace the Sun Belt and rank among the Top 10 teams nationally in both tackles for loss (2nd, 11.00) and sacks (10th, 3.33) per game. Four Bulldogs—third-year linebacker Alonzo Jackson Jr. (5th, 2.00), sixth-year linebacker Kolbe Fields (33rd, 1.33), third-year linebacker Jadon Mayfield (33rd, 1.33) and second-year linebacker Zheric Hill (50th, 1.17)—rank among the Top 10 in the Sun Belt and Top 50 in the nation in tackles for loss per game.

MICKENS STOCK RISING

Jalen Mickens has quickly emerged as a top receiving target for Louisiana Tech through three games, with his 297 receiving yards ranking as the fourth-most among Sun Belt wideouts and his 99.0 receiving yards/game is the best average in the league while also ranking among the top 15 in FBS.

SWARMING DEFENSE

Louisiana Tech ranks among the top 5 in the Sun Belt with 10 sacks (T-3rd), 4 interceptions (5th), 4 fumbles forced (T-3rd), and 3 fumbles recovered (T-4th). Alonzo Jackson Jr's 8.7 tackles/game is the fourth-best rate in the SBC and his 6.0 tackles for a loss thus far are tied for the most among league defensemen. Kolbe Fields and Jadon Mayfield, each with 4.0 TFLs, are tied for the fourth-most in the conference.

TECH #TAKERS

The Bulldogs have six consecutive games forcing a turnover dating back to the 2025 season, with 11 interceptions and four fumble recoveries in that span. LA Tech also has a turnover forced in 14 of their last 16 games since the start of last year. Among those contests, the Bulldogs have forced multiple turnovers in eight of them. Since the start of 2025, the Bulldogs have picked off opponents on 26 separate occasions along with six fumble recoveries.

PICK SIX U

Since 2017, Louisiana Tech has been the country's top team when returning interceptions for a touchdown. Since October 1, 2017, the Bulldogs have seen 24 interceptions returned for six points, leading all of FBS in that span which includes some notable programs such as Utah (22), Pitt (22), Alabama (19) and Notre Dame (18).

HONOR THE STARS & STRIPES

Saturday's game vs. Army will be Military Appreciation Day and Legends Day at Joe Aillet Stadium, honoring and celebrating all those that have served in the armed forces, past and present. In celebration of this special game day, the Bulldogs will wear their red Stars & Stripes helmet, blue jersey and white pants against the Black Knights.

FLIPPING THE FIELD

Punter Lexington Matthews ranks second in the Sun Belt with an average of 43.91 yards per punt, with a season-long of 58 yards. He has four punts of 50+ yards and three that have been placed in side the 20-yard line.

DO-IT-ALL 'DOGS

LA Tech has consecutive games with two Bulldogs posting 100 all-purpose yards with Jalen Mickens (164 in Week 1, 101 in Week 2) doing so in each of Tech's first two games. Dedrick Latulas (107) was alongside Mickens in Week 1, while Jordan McRae (100) was the second Bulldog with triple-digit all-purpose yards in Week 2. It is the first time in the Sonny Cumbie era to start the season with multiple 100 all-purpose-yard players through the first two games of the season, and the first time it has happened since 2017--Teddy Veal (126), Boston Scott (110) and Jarred Craft (103) acheived the feat in Week 1 against Northwestern State, followed with Marcus Gaines (104) and Scott (104) in Week 2 against Mississippi State.

MAGIC MICKENS

WR Jalen Mickens has back-to-back games with 100 receiving yards and a score to start the 2026 campaign, becoming the first Bulldog to do so since Tru Edwards in 2024. Mickens ended Week 2 at LSU with a team-high 6 receptions and 101 yards, icluding a 67-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter against the Tigers.

ALONZO IN THE ZONE

Linebacker Alonzo Jackson Jr. made a statement on the defensive side in front of a crowd of 100,000+ at Tiger Stadium, recording the second-most tackles on the team with 12 and leading with 3 sacks and 3.5 total tackles for a loss. The third year Bulldog leads all Sun Belt players with 5.0 TFLs and is tied for the most sacks at 3.0 thus far. His sack and TFL totals also rank among the top 5 in FBS.

MCRAE MAKING HISTORY

DB Jordan McRae made program history against LSU on Saturday, returning a goal-line interception all the way back for a 100-yard pick six in Tiger Stadium. It is the longest interception or fumble return in program history, and McRae is the first player in 2026 with a 100-yard

interception return after there were four recorded last year at the FBS level. The third year Bulldog posted a game-high 13 tackles which was also a new single-game career high, and his interception was the second pick six of his career--had an 83-yard interception return for a touchdown his freshman year at Georgia Military College.

WEEK 1 DOMINANCE

The Bulldogs outgained Northwestern State 528-129, giving the Bulldogs their lowest total yardage allowed in a game since allowing 142 to New Mexico State on Oct. 17, 2009. Tech's 528 yards are also the most in a season opener since recording 587 total yards of offense on Sept. 5, 2015 in a 62-15 win over Southern at Joe Aillet Stadium

NEW 'DOGS ON THE FIELD

Among the 22 starters for Louisiana Tech in the Sept. 5 season opener, just three players have at least 10 starts in their Bulldog career with Hayden Christman being the only starter with at least 25 starts at LA Tech.

YOU GET SIX! YOU GET SIX!

There were several firsts for Louisiana Tech in their 80-6 win, including the first time with 11-straight touchdown drives and 63 points in a half of play in program history. Along with the high team numbers, there were also several players to score their first touchdown as a Bulldog. First FBS touchdowns belong to Dylone Brooks, Sergio Snider, Dedrick Latulas, Joshua Brantley (passing TD) and Luke Watkins. Jaden Miller and Talyn Shettron brought in their first touchdowns as Bulldogs, with Miller scoring on the ground and Shettron scoring with a receiving score and a rushing score. Shettron is the first Bulldog with a receiving TD and a rushing TD in the same game since Greg Garner on Sept. 11, 2021 vs. Southeastern LA (2 rushing, 1 receiving). Eli Finley and Jay Wilkerson also registered their first touchdown receptions since 2024.

MICKENS ON THE MOVE

Jalen Mickens started the 2026 season off with a 75-yard touchdown reception on the first offensive play of the season, ending the game with 164 all-purpose yards and 133 receiving yards. Mickens is the first Bulldog with 100+ receiving yards in a game since Marlion Jackson (vs. WKU) and Eli Finley (vs. Southern Miss) in 2025.

YEAR TWO LUKE

Second-year defensive coordinator Luke Olson looks to build off success from his first year in 2025, when his defense saw the most defensive touchdowns and second-most interceptions in the country. The Bulldog defense also ranked in the top 10 nationally in 4th down conversion percentage (.500), red zone defense (.718) and total turnovers (25). There is a wealth of experience returning for Olson, including linebackers Kolbe Fields, Zheric Hill, Jadon Mayfield and Alonzo Jackson Jr. Veterans Donovan Rieman and Judd Rouyea look to lead the front line for Olson's defense, while some fresh legs in the secondary feature Sam Fongang, Kam Carter, Amari Butler and Jordan McRae.

NEW LOOK IN THE BACKFIELD

With the departure of Clay Thevenin and Omiri Wiggins to the transfer portal following the 2025 season, LA Tech had some holes to fill. Along with having to replace the team's leading rusher, it was also vital for Sonny Cumbie to find a way to fill the hole of losing the team leader in rushing touchdowns in Andrew Burnette. In doing so, the Bulldogs brought in Jaden Miller, a stand-out running back who transferred in from Keiser. During his time with the Seahawks, Miller was named First Team All-Sun Conference and is coming off a stellar season with 1,127 yards and 18 touchdowns on the ground, becoming the fourth player in Keiser program history to rush for 1,000 yards. He tied for the most rushing touchdowns in a single game with four, and his 24 career touchdowns on the ground at Keiser rank fourth all-time. Through the air, Miller caught 15 passes for 120 yards last year after averaging 20.5 YPC in 2024 with six receptions for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

FINLEY'S FINAL AUDITON

In what has been a very busy offseason for LA Tech tight end Eli Finley, with fall camp and many NFL scouts coming to see the sought-after TE. Eli still has a big season ahead of him--he comes into the season just 35 receptions shy of 100 career catches and 232 receving yards shy of 1,000 for his career. Last year he led the team in receving yards and had a 155-yard game against rival Southern Miss, which earned him the John Mackey Tight End of the week honor. That game was also the first 100-yard receving game from a LA Tech tight end since Dennis Morris in 2009.

THE KUKUK ARMY KNIFE?

After showcasing his dual-threat talents, head coach Sonny Cumbie and Nathan Young have a different gameplan in mind for quarterback Trey Kukuk in 2026. Kukuk was one of two LA Tech players to rush for 600 yards last year, finding the end zone five times and ending the year with three 100-yard rushing games in the last three games, including a career-high 172 rushing yards in a 42-30 win at Missouri State.

ALL-AMERICAN STAFF

Former Louisiana Tech safety Jakari Foster joins the 2026 coaching staff after being named an AP First Team All-American and a Water Camp Second Team All-American, as well as Second Team All-CUSA honors. Foster's eight interceptions were tied for the second-most in a single season in program history and were the most by a Bulldog since 1995. His eight picks also led the country, with one of them returned for a touchdown to contribute to the team's FBS-best seven defensive touchdowns in 2025. Foster will assist first-year safeties coach Dexter McCoil Sr.

WHEN DOES CLASS START?

Louisiana Tech is the only university in the Sun Belt on a quarter system and one of just seven FBS schools that are currently on the quarter system schedule.

FBS Schools on Quarter System	**Conference**
Louisana Tech	Sun Belt
Northwestern	Big 10
Oregon	Big 10
Oregon State	PAC-2
Stanford	ACC
UCLA	Big 10
Washington	Big 10

SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Overall	SBC
EAST		
James Madison	4-0	1-0
App State	3-1	0-0
Georgia State	3-1	0-0
Marshall	3-1	0-0
Coastal Carolina	1-3	0-0
Georgia Southern	1-3	0-0
Old Dominion	1-3	0-1
WEST		
UL-Lafayette	3-1	0-0
Arkansas State	2-2	0-0
South Alabama	2-2	0-0
Troy	2-2	0-0
Louisiana Tech	***1-2***	***0-0***
Southern Miss	1-3	0-0
ULM	0-4	0-0

UPCOMING SBC SLATE

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

Old Dominion at Georgia State - 2:30 p.m. CT
Marshall at James Madison - 2:45 p.m. CT
ULM at South Alabama - 6:00 p.m. CT
Georgia Southern at Coastal Carolina - 6:00 p.m. CT
Army at Louisiana Tech - 6:30 p.m. CT
Arkansas State at UL-Lafayette - 7:00 p.m. CT

AGAINST SUN BELT

OPPONENT	RECORD
Arkansas State	26-12
App State	0-0
Coastal Carolina	1-0
Georgia Southern	0-1
Georgia State	0-0
James Madison	0-0
Marshall	1-3
Old Dominion	0-2
South Alabama	2-1
Southern Miss	18-36
Troy	First Meeting
UL-Lafayette	48-33-6
ULM	30-13
TOTAL	**126-101-6**

HONORS & AWARDS

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

Eli Finley

2026 Preseason All-SBC Second Team Offense
2026-27 Allstate/AFCA Good Works Team Nominee
2026 Shriner's Childrens East-West Bowl 1000 Watchlist
2026 John Mackey Award Watchlist
HERO Sports Preseason Group of Six First Team All-American
2026 Panini Senior Bowl Top 300

Kolbe Fields

2026 Preseason All-SBC First Team Defense
2026 Chuck Bednarik Award Watchlist

IN-SEASON AWARDS

September 7, 2026

Dedrick Latulas - SBC Special Teams Player of the Week

UNIFORM TRACKER

Helmet-Jersey-Pants	Record
White-White-White	16-16
Last worn | Nov. 15, 2025 at Wazzu	
White-White-Blue	7-11
Last worn | Sept. 19, 2026 at Baylor	
White-White-Red	0-4
Last worn | Nov. 8, 2025 at Delaware	
White-Blue-White	19-5
Last worn | Nov. 22, 2025 vs. Liberty	
White-Blue-Blue	6-6
Last worn | Oct. 22, 2024 vs. UTEP	
White-LT Blue-White	3-0
Last worn | Sept. 5, 2026 vs. Northwestern State	
White-Red-White	8-1
Last worn | Nov. 30, 2024 vs. Kennesaw State	
White-Red-Red	1-2
Last worn: Sept. 6, 2025 at. LSU	
Red-White-White	3-8
Last worn | Oct. 10, 2023 at Middle Tennessee	
Red-White-Blue	2-7
Last worn | Sept. 12, 2026 at LSU	
Red-White-Red	2-5
Last worn | Oct. 9, 2024 at Kennesaw	
Red-Red-Red	3-4
Last worn | Sept. 20, 2025 vs. Southern Miss	
Red-Red-White	2-0
Last worn | Sept. 26, 2015 vs. FIU	
Red-Blue-Blue	2-1
Last worn | Sept. 8, 2018 vs. Southern	
Red-Blue-White	3-1
Last worn | Sept. 13, 2025 vs. NM State	
Red-LT Blue-White	0-2
Last worn | Oct. 24, 2023 vs. New Mexico State	
Blue-Blue-White	1-0
Last worn | Oct. 10, 2024 vs. MTSU	
Blue-Whte-Blue	0-1
Last worn | Oct. 15, 2024 at. New Mexico State	
Blue-Blue-Blue	0-1
Last worn | Oct. 21, 2025 vs. WKU	
Black-Black-Black	2-0
Last worn | Dec. 30, 2025 vs. Coastal Carolina	

NOTABLE DEBUTS

All Black	Oct. 31, 2025
Blue helmet	Oct. 10, 2024
Tech script helmet	Aug. 31, 2024
LT Blue throwback jerseys	Oct. 22, 2022
White helmet	Oct. 25, 2014
Stars & Stripes helmet	Sept. 28, 2013
White Helmet (LT Blue State T)	Sept. 5, 2026


49-41

7-3

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10-24

0-2

6-2

1-2

2-0

1-0

PRO DOGS (BULLDOGS IN THE NFL)











LA TECH BOWL HISTORY

1977 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
LA Tech 27, Louisville 14

1978 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
East Carolina 35, LA Tech 13

1990 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
LA Tech 34, Maryland 34

2001 HUMANITARIAN BOWL
Clemson 49, LA Tech 24

2008 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
LA Tech 17, Northern Illinois 10

2011 POINSETTIA BOWL
TCU 31, LA Tech 24

2014 HEART OF DALLAS BOWL
LA Tech 35, Illinois 18

2015 NEW ORLEANS BOWL
LA Tech 47, Arkansas State 28

2016 ARMED FORCES BOWL
LA Tech 48, Navy 45

2017 FRISCO BOWL
LA Tech 51, SMU 10

2018 HAWAII BOWL
LA Tech 31, Hawaii 14

2019 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
LA Tech 14, Miami (Fla.) 0

2020 NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Georgia Southern 38, LA Tech 3

2024 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
Army 27, LA Tech 6

2025 INDEPENDENCE BOWL
LA Tech 23, Coastal Carolina 14



TERRY BRADSHAW
LA TECH (1966-69)
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 1989

WILLIE ROAF
LA TECH (1989-92)
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2012

FRED DEAN
LA TECH (1971-74)
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2008







THE LAST TIME...

LA TECH INDIVIDUAL

OFFENSE

Rushed for 100 yards....121, Trey Kukuk vs. Coastal Carolina (12/30/25)
Rushed for 200 yards....207, Kenneth Dixon vs. Southern Miss (11/9/13)
Rushed for 3 touchdowns....3, Trey Kukuk at Missouri State (11/29/25)
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns....4, Marcus Williams Jr. vs. Charlotte (11/13/21)
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage....98, Andrew Burnette at Missouri State (11/29/25)
Had an 80-yard run from scrimmage....98, Andrew Burnette at Missouri State (11/29/25)
Had 20 carries....21, Tyre Shelton vs. WKU (10/5/23)
Had 25 carries....29, Marcus Williams Jr. vs. Charlotte (11/13/21)
Had 30 carries....37, Israel Tucker at North Texas (12/3/20)
Passed for 300 yards....340, Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/21/25)
Passed for 400 yards....424, Parker McNeil at North Texas (10/15/22
Passed for 500 yards....502, Ryan Higgins at WKU (12/3/16)
Threw for 3 touchdowns....***3, Blake Baker vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Threw for 4+ touchdowns....5, Evan Bullock vs. Middle Tennessee (10/10/24)
Had a 70-yard pass from scrimmage....***75, Blake Baker vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Had 30 completions....31, Blake Baker vs. WKU (10/21/25)
Had 35 completions....36, Ryan Higgins at Middle Tennessee (9/24/16)
Had 40 completions....44, Colby Cameron vs. Texas A&M (10/13/12)
Had 50 pass attempts....51, J'Mar Smith at Texas (8/31/19)
Had 60 pass attempts....60, Colby Cameron vs. Utah State (11/1/12)
Had 100 yards receiving....***101, Jalen Mickens at LSU (9/12/26)***
Had 200 yards receiving....212, Malik Stanley vs. Southern Miss (10/19/19)
Caught 2 touchdown passes....2, Tru Edwards vs. Jax State (11/9/24)
Caught 3+ touchdown passes....3, Tre Harris vs. Rice (10/22/22)
Had 10 receptions....10, Tru Edwards vs. Kennesaw (11/30/24)
Had 15 receptions....17, Trent Taylor at Middle Tennessee (9/24/16)

DEFENSE

Intercepted 2 passes....2, Jakari Foster vs. Liberty (11/22/25)
Intercepted 3 passes....3, Amik Robertson vs. Southern Miss (10/19/19)
Recorded 2 sacks....***2.0, Lane Condry at LSU (9/12/26)***
Recorded 3+ sacks....***3.0, Alonzo Jackson Jr. at LSU (9/12/26)***
Had 10 tackles....***11, Jordan McRae at LSU (9/12/26)***
....***12, Alonzo Jackson Jr. at LSU (9/12/26)***
Had 15 tackles....15, Myles Heard vs. Northwestern State (9/9/23)
Had 20 tackles....20, Quincy Stewart at Texas A&M (9/12/98)
Had 3 tackles for loss....3.0, Sifa Leota vs. Coastal Carolina (12/30/25)
Had 4+ tackles for loss....4.5, Mekhi Mason vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
Returned an interception for a TD....***Jordan McRae (100 yards) at LSU (9/12/26)***
Returned a fumble for a TD....Jacob Bradford (20 yards) vs. NM State (9/13/25)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 3 field goals....3, Buck Buchanan at NMSU (10/15/24)
Made 4+ field goals....4, Buck Buchanan at WKU (11/16/24)
Made a 50-yard field goal....51, John Hoyet Chance vs. Coastal Carolina (12/30/25)
Had a 60-yard punt....72, John Hoyet Chance 14, Jacob Fields vs. Liberty (11/22/25)
Returned a punt for a TD....Smoke Harris (67 yards) at UTEP (9/29/23)
Returned a kickoff for a TD....Devin Gandy (93 yards) at Missouri State (11/29/25)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD....Michael Richard (6 yards) vs. Jax State (11/18/23)
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD....Le'Vander Liggins (54 yards) vs. UTEP (10/4/14)
Returned a blocked PAT for a safety....Amik Robertson vs. Mississippi State (9/9/17)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

OFFENSE

Rushed for 100 yards....228, Evan Dickens, Liberty (11/22/25)
Rushed for 200 yards....228, Evan Dickens, Liberty (11/22/25)
Rushed for 3 touchdowns....***3, Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)***
Rushed for 4+ touchdowns....4, DeWayne McBride, UAB (11/6/21)
Had a 70-yard run from scrimmage....80, Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)
Had an 80-yard run from scrimmage....80, Elijah Green, Sam Houston (10/31/25)
Had 20 carries....30, Evan Dickens, Liberty (11/22/25)
Had 25 carries....30, Evan Dickens, Liberty (11/22/25))
Had 30 carries....30, Evan Dickens, Liberty (11/22/25)
Passed for 300 yards....***344, Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)***
Passed for 400 yards....448, Chris Reynolds, Charlotte (11/13/21)
Passed for 500 yards....580, David Piland, Houston (9/8/12)
Threw for 3 touchdowns....4, Dexter Williams II, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
Threw for 4+ touchdowns....4, Dexter Williams II, Kennesaw (10/9/25)
Had a 70-yard pass from scrimmage....71, Jacob Clark, Missouri State (11/29/25)
Had an 80-yard pass from scrimmage....83, Ryan Metz, UTEP (11/18/17)
Had 30 completions....31, Grayson James, FIU (10/28/22)
Had 35 completions....44, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 40 completions....44, Cole Kelley, Southeastern (9/11/21)
Had 50 pass attempts....52, Nick Minicucci, Delaware (11/8/25)
Had 60 pass attempts....77, David Piland, Houston (9/8/12)
Had 100 yards receiving....***104, Trey'Dez Green, LSU (9/12/26)***
Had 200 yards receiving....207, Malachi Corley, WKU (10/5/23)
Caught 2 touchdown passes....2, Isaac TeSlaa, Arkansas (11/23/24)
Caught 3+ touchdown passes....3, Malachi Corley, WKU (10/5/23)
Had 10 receptions....11, Roderic Burns, North Texas (9/16/23)
Had 15 receptions....18, Kealoha Pilares, Hawai'i (10/2/10)

DEFENSE

Intercepted 2 passes....2, Yam Banks, South Alabama (9/24/22)
Intercepted 3 passes....3, Bene Benwikere, San Jose State (11/24/12)
Recorded 2 sacks....***3.0, Princewill Umanmielen, LSU (9/12/26)***
Recorded 3+ sacks....***3.0, Princewill Umanmielen, LSU (9/12/26)***
Had 10 tackles....11, Jared Lloyd, Missouri State (11/29/25)
....11, Kanye Young, Missouri State (11/29/25)
Had 15 tackles....15, Jaylen Wester, WKU (10/21/25)
Had 20 tackles....21, Matt Castelo, San Jose State (11/17/07)
Had 3 tackles for loss....***4.0, Princewill Umanmielen, LSU (9/12/26)***
Had 4+ tackles for loss....***4.0, Princewill Umanmielen, LSU (9/12/26)***
Returned an interception for a TD....DK Kaufman (33 yards), NC State (9/14/24)
Returned a fumble for a TD....Jeffery Simmons (90 yards), Mississippi State (9/9/17)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Made 3 field goals....***3, Scott Starzyk, LSU (9/12/26)***
Made 4+ field goals....4, Noah Raushenberg, North Texas (9/16/23)
Made a 50-yard field goal....52, Kanoah Vinesett, NC State (9/14/24)
Had a 60-yard punt....63, Kylan Dupre, Nicholls (8/31/24)
Returned a punt for a TD....Quan Bray (76 yards), Auburn (9/27/14)
Returned a kickoff for a TD....LaMareon James, Old Dominion (10/30/21)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD....Jeffery Simmons (0 yards), Mississippi State (9/9/17)
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD....Micael Egwuagu (82 yards), UTSA (11/12/16)

LA TECH TEAM

OFFENSE

300 yards rushing....388 at Missouri State (11/29/25))
400 yards rushing....426 vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
Rushed for 5 touchdowns....5 at Missouri State (11/29/25)
Rushed for 6+ touchdowns....6 vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
Had 50 rushing attempts....51 at Missouri State (11/29/25)
Had 60 rushing attempts....65 vs. NM State (9/13/25)
400 yards passing....419 vs. Sam Houston (11/11/23)
500 yards passing....516 vs. Stephen F. Austin (09/10/22)
600 yards passing....602 vs. Boise State (10/3/98)
Threw for 5 touchdowns....***6 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Threw for 6+ touchdowns....***6 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
500 yards total offense....***528 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
600 yards total offense....647 vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
700 yards total offense....735 vs. Rice (10/29/16)
Scored 50 points....***80 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Scored 60 points....***80 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Scored 70 points....***80 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Recorded 30 first downs....30 vs. Sam Houston (10/31/25)
Recorded 35 first downs....37 vs. North Texas (11/9/19)

DEFENSE

Registered 5+ sacks....***5 at LSU (9/12/26)***
Forced 4+ turnovers....***4 at LSU (9/12/26)***
Scored a safety....vs. Kennesaw (11/30/24)
Posted a shutout....24-0 vs. Southeastern (8/30/25)
Held an opponent under 250 total yards....***129 vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)***
Scored multiple defensive touchdowns....2 (2 INT returns) at UTEP (9/27/25)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a punt....vs. UTEP (10/22/24)
Blocked an extra point attempt....at North Texas (10/15/22)
Blocked a field goal attempt....vs. Coastal Carolina (12/30/25)

OPPONENT TEAM

OFFENSE

300 yards rushing....321, Army (12/28/24)
400 yards rushing....475, North Texas (10/15/22)
Rushed for 5 touchdowns....5, Missouri (9/1/22)
Rushed for 6+ touchdowns....7, UAB, (11/6/21)
Had 50 rushing attempts....64, Army(12/28/24)
Had 60 rushing attempts....64, Army(12/28/24)
400 yards passing....448, Charlotte (11/13/21)
500 yards passing....580, Houston (9/8/12)
600 yards passing....630, Houston (8/31/91)
Threw for 5 touchdowns....5, SMU (9/18/21)
Threw for 6+ touchdowns....6, Fresno State (10/3/92)
500 yards total offense....***528, LSU (9/12/26)***
600 yards total offense....602, Liberty (11/4/23)
700 yards total offense....733, Rice (11/29/03)
Scored 50 points....56, Liberty (11/4/22)
Scored 60 points....61, Hawai'i (11/11/06)
Scored 70 points....73, Houston (8/31/91)
Negative yards rushing....-31, at Southern Miss (10/25/14)
Recorded 30 first downs....32, North Texas (9/16/23)
Recorded 40 first downs....40, Houston (9/8/12)

DEFENSE

Registered 5+ sacks....***7, LSU (9/12/26)***
Forced 4+ turnovers....4, Southeastern (8/30/25)
Scored a safety....Sam Houston (10/29/24)
Posted a shutout....29-0 by Kansas (9/6/08)
Held LA Tech under 250 total yards....***140, LSU (9/12/26)***

SPECIAL TEAMS

Blocked a punt....North Texas (9/25/21)
Blocked an extra point attempt....Nicholls (8/31/24)
Blocked a field goal attempt....WKU (10/21/25)

2026 SUPERLATIVES

LA TECH INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	7	Andrew Burnette vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS RUSHING	50	Trey Kukuk vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TD RUSHES	1	Jaden Miller vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
	1	Sergio Snider vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
	1	Dylone Brooks vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
	1	Talyn Shettron vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
LONG RUSH	37	Talyn Shettron vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PASS ATTEMPTS	21	Blake Baker at LSU (9/12/26)
PASS COMPLETIONS	11	Blake Baker at LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS PASSING	232	Blake Baker vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TD PASSES	3	Blake Baker vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
LONG PASS	75	Blake Baker vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
RECEPTIONS	6	Jalen Mickens at LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS RECEIVING	133	Jalen Mickens vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	6 players vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
LONG RECEPTION	75	Jalen Mickens vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
FIELD GOALS	1	Hunter Rioux vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
LONG FIELD GOAL	49	Hunter Rioux vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PUNTS	6	Lexington Matthews at LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTING AVG	49.0	Lexington Matthews at LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PUNT	58	Lexington Matthews at LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Lexington Matthews vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
LONG PUNT RETURN	58	Dedrick Latulas vs. Northwestern State (9/6/26)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	32	Dedrick Latulas at LSU (9/12/26)
TACKLES	12	Alonzo Jackson Jr. at LSU (9/12/26)
SACKS	3.0	Alonzo Jackson Jr. at LSU (9/12/26)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3.5	Alonzo Jackson Jr. at LSU (9/12/26)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Alonzo Jackson Jr. vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
	1	Jordan McRae at LSU (9/12/26)
	1	Zheric Hill at LSU (9/12/26)
	1	Kam Franklin at LSU (9/12/26)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	18	Dilin Jones, LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS RUSHING	66	Dilin Jones, LSU (9/12/26)
TD RUSHES	3	Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG RUSH	46	Dilin Jones, LSU (9/12/26)
PASS ATTEMPTS	38	Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)
PASS COMPLETIONS	25	Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS PASSING	344	Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)
TD PASSES	1	Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PASS	53	Sam Leavitt, LSU (9/12/26)
RECEPTIONS	6	Trey'Dez Green, LSU (9/12/26)
	6	Eugene Wilson III, LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS RECEIVING	104	Trey'Dez Green, LSU (9/12/26)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Trey'Dez Green, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG RECEPTION	53	Eugene Wilson III, LSU (9/12/26)
FIELD GOALS	3	Scott Starzyk, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG FIELD GOAL	37	Payne Williams III, Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PUNTS	10	Jack Hurley, Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PUNTING AVG	43.0	Grant Chadwick, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PUNT	50	Grant Chadwick, LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Grant Chadwick, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PUNT RETURN	27	Eugene Wilson III, LSU (9/12/26)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	N/A	
TACKLES	9	TJ Dottery, LSU (9/12/26)
SACKS	3.0	Princewill Umanmielen, LSU (9/12/26)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	4.0	Princewill Umanmielen, LSU (9/12/26)

LA TECH TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	37	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS RUSHING	232	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.3	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TD RUSHES	4	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PASS ATTEMPTS	24	at LSU (9/12/26)
PASS COMPLETIONS	17	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS PASSING	296	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS PER PASS	13.4	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TD PASSES	6	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TOTAL PLAYS	59	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
TOTAL OFFENSE	528	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS PER PLAY	8.9	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
POINTS	80	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
SACKS BY	5	at LSU (9/12/26)
FIRST DOWNS	23	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PENALTIES	5	at LSU (9/12/26)
PENALTY YARDS	50	at LSU (9/12/26)
TURNOVERS	3	at LSU (9/12/26)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	1	at LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTS	6	at LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTING AVG	49.0	at LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PUNT	58	at LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)
LONG PUNT RETURN	58	vs. Northwestern State (9/5/26)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

RUSHES	45	Northwestern State (9/5/26)
YARDS RUSHING	147	LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS PER RUSH	3.3	LSU (9/12/26)
TD RUSHES	4	LSU (9/12/26)
PASS ATTEMPTS	41	LSU (9/12/26)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS PASSING	381	LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS PER PASS	9.3	LSU (9/12/26)
TD PASSES	1	LSU (9/12/26)
TOTAL PLAYS	85	LSU (9/12/26)
TOTAL OFFENSE	528	LSU (9/12/26)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.2	LSU (9/12/26)
POINTS	45	LSU (9/12/26)
SACKS BY	7	LSU (9/12/26)
FIRST DOWNS	26	LSU (9/12/26)
PENALTIES	10	LSU (9/12/26)
PENALTY YARDS	101	LSU (9/12/26)
TURNOVERS	3	LSU (9/12/26)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	3	LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTS	10	Northwestern State (9/5/26)
PUNTING AVG	43	LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PUNT	50	LSU (9/12/26)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	LSU (9/12/26)
LONG PUNT RETURN	27	LSU (9/12/26)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

GAMES WITH A RECEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Eli Finley	1	11	10	2	24
Jalen Mickens	-	-	9	2	11
Jay Wilkerson	-	7	-	2	9
Dedrick Latulas	2	1	3	1	7
David Pierro	-	-	5	1	6
Dane Benedix	-	-	2	-	2
Andrew Burnette	-	-	2	1	3
Blake Baker	-	-	1	-	1
Luke Watkins	-	-	1	1	2
Trey Kukuk	-	-	1	-	1
Brayden Bockler	-	-	1	1	2
Talyn Shettron	-	-	-	2	2
Sergio Snider	-	-	-	1	1
Marcus Calwise Jr.	-	-	-	1	1
Dylone Brooks	-	-	-	1	1

GAMES WITH 5+ RECEPTIONS

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Eli Finley	0	1	2	1	4

100 YARD GAMES

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Eli Finley	0	0	1	-	1
Jalen Mickens	-	-	0	1	1

20+ YARD RECEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Eli Finley	0	5	6	1	12
Jay Wilkerson	-	6	-	1	7
Jalen Mickens	-	-	2	1	3
Dedrick Latulas	0	0	1	0	1
David Pierro	-	-	1	0	1
Luke Watkins	-	-	1	1	2
Trey Kukuk	-	-	1	0	1

40+ YARD RECEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Jay Wilkerson	-	1	-	0	1
Eli Finley	0	1	2	0	3
Jalen Mickens	-	-	1	1	2
David Pierro	-	-	1	0	1

GAMES WITH A RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Eli Finley	0	2	-	2	4
Jay Wilkerson	-	1	-	1	2
Jalen Mickens	-	-	1	1	2
Luke Watkins	-	-	0	1	1
Talyn Shettron	-	-	-	1	1
Dedrick Latulas	0	0	0	1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2024	2025	Career

GAMES WITH 300 YARDS PASSING

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Blake Baker	-	0	1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Blake Baker	-	0	0	1	1

20+ YARD RUNS

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Blake Baker	-	1	2	0	3
Trey Kukuk	-	-	4	1	5
Andrew Burnette	-	-	2	0	2
Dylone Brooks	-	-	-	1	1
Talyn Shettron	-	-	-	1	1
Jalen Mickens	-	-	0	1	1

100 YARDS RUSHING

Player	2024	2025	2026	Career
Blake Baker	0	1	0	1
Trey Kukuk	0	3	0	3
Andrew Burnette	-	1	0	1

GAMES WITH RUSHING TOUCHDOWN

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Andrew Burnette	-	-	4	1	5
Blake Baker	-	1	3		4
Trey Kukuk	-	-	2		2
Dylone Brooks	-	-	-	1	1
Talyn Shettron	-	-	-	1	1
Jaden Miller	-	-	-	1	1
Sergio Snider	-	-	-	1	1
Jalen Mickens	-	-	-	1	1

GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2024	2025	Career
Trey Kukuk	-	2	2
Andrew Burnette	-	2	2

GAMES WITH 15+ CARRIES

Player	2024	2025	2026	Career
Trey Kukuk	-	3	1	4
Andrew Burnette	-	2	-	2
Blake Baker	0	1	-	1

GAMES WITH DOUBLE DIGIT TACKLES

Player	2023	2024	2025	Career
Kolbe Fields	-	3	2	5

GAMES WITH A SACK (Half Sacks Included)

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Jadon Mayfield	-	0	4	1	5
Kolbe Fields	-	1	2	1	4
Donovan Rieman	-	-	2	1	3
Kameron Carter	-	-	1		1
Jojo Odom	-	-	1		1
Zheric Hill	-	-	1		1
Jacob Bradford	-	-	0	1	1
Kaleb Coleman	-	-	0	1	1
Zaqwaun Nunn	-	-	-	1	1

GAMES LEADING LA TECH IN TACKLES

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Kolbe Fields	-	4	3	0	7
Sam Fongang	-	-	-	1	1

GAMES WITH AN INTERCEPTION

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Kolbe Fields	-	1	2		3
Kam Franklin	-	-	1		1
Alonzo Jackson	-	0	1	1	2
Kameron Carter	-	-	1		1
Jordan McRae	-	-	1		1

GAMES WITH A FUMBLE RECOVERY

Player	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Kam Franklin	-	-	-	-	1
Jacob Bradford	-	-	0	1	1
Donovan Rieman	-	-	1	0	1
Taeden Rogers	-	-	-	1	1
Jaden Mayfeild	-	-	-	1	1

2026 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/05/2026	Northwestern St.	W	80-6	13108
	09/12/2026	at LSU	L	14-45	102321
	09/19/2026	at Baylor	L	19-36	41343

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Trey Kukuk	3	20	133	6	127	6.4	0	20	42.3
Andrew Burnette	3	19	68	0	68	3.6	1	15	22.7
Dylone Brooks	3	9	56	6	50	5.6	1	28	16.7
Jaden Miller	3	19	53	7	46	2.4	1	11	15.3
Jalen Mickens	3	4	45	0	45	11.3	1	28	15.0
Talyn Shettron	3	1	37	0	37	37.0	1	37	12.3
Rayshun Hurt	2	5	17	0	17	3.4	0	5	8.5
Sergio Snider	2	6	17	0	17	2.8	1	6	8.5
David Pierro	3	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.7
Luke Watkins	3	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-2.0
Blake Baker	2	13	13	39	-26	-2.0	0	6	-13.0
Team	3	3	0	6	-6	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	**3**	**102**	**439**	**72**	**367**	**3.6**	**6**	**37**	**122.3**
Opponents	**3**	**132**	**520**	**122**	**398**	**3.0**	**6**	**46**	**132.7**

Team Statistics

	LATECH	OPP
First Downs	**56**	**55**
Rushing	20	24
Passing	27	26
Penalty	9	5
Rushing Yardage	**367**	**398**
Rushing attempts	102	132
Average per rush	3.6	3.0
Average per game	122.3	132.7
TDs Rushing	6	6
Passing Yardage	**662**	**677**
Comp-Att-Int	56-90-2	53-81-4
Average per pass	7.4	8.4
Average per catch	11.8	12.8
Average per game	220.7	225.7
TDs Passing	8	4
Total offense	**1029**	**1075**
Average per play	5.4	5.0
Average per game	343.0	358.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	**4-77**	**0-0**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**6-99**	**6-48**
Int returns: #-Yards	**4-125**	**2-32**
Fumbles-Lost	**4-3**	**6-3**
Penalties-Yards	**16-146**	**26-255**
Punts-Avg	**11-43.9**	**15-40.1**
Time of possession / game	**27:39**	**32:21**
3rd-down conversion	**17/41**	**17/48**
4th-down conversion	**2/7**	**2/4**
PAT-attempts	**(14-14) 100%**	**(7-8) 88%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-2) 0%**	**(1-2) 50%**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Trey Kukuk	3	124.8	32-51-1	62.7	283	3	35	94.3
Blake Baker	2	178.4	21-35-1	60.0	360	4	75	180.0
Jackson Bradley	1	75.1	2-3-0	66.7	3	0	3	3.0
Joshua Brantley	1	564.4	1-1-0	100.0	16	1	16	16.0
Total	**3**	**148.9**	**56-90-2**	**62.2**	**662**	**8**	**75**	**220.7**
Opponents	**3**	**142.1**	**53-81-4**	**65.4**	**677**	**4**	**53**	**225.7**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kam Franklin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Alonzo Jackson Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Zheric Hill	1	25	25.0	0	25
Jordan Mcrae	1	100	100.0	1	100
Total	**4**	**125**	**31.3**	**1**	**100**
Opponents	**2**	**32**	**16.0**	**0**	**32**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Eli Finley	3	14	132	9.4	2	29	44.0
Jalen Mickens	3	13	297	22.8	2	75	99.0
Talyn Shettron	3	7	80	11.4	1	16	26.7
Marcus Calwise Jr.	3	5	39	7.8	0	17	13.0
Dylone Brooks	3	3	16	5.3	0	11	5.3
Dedrick Latulas	3	2	10	5.0	1	6	3.3
Jay Wilkerson	3	2	35	17.5	1	27	11.7
Andrew Burnette	3	2	-1	-0.5	0	3	-0.3
Luke Watkins	3	2	38	19.0	1	35	12.7
Brayden Bockler	2	2	7	3.5	0	7	3.5
Blake Baker	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
David Pierro	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0
Sergio Snider	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jaden Miller	3	1	6	6.0	0	6	2.0
Total	**3**	**56**	**662**	**11.8**	**8**	**75**	**220.7**
Opponents	**3**	**53**	**677**	**12.8**	**4**	**53**	**225.7**

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Kaegan Kent	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0
Hunter Rioux	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	49	0
Opponents	**6-6**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**4-4**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**37**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Jalen Mickens	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Kaegan Kent	-	0-2	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	13
Talyn Shettron	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Eli Finley	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dedrick Latulas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jay Wilkerson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Andrew Burnette	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordan Mcrae	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dylone Brooks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Luke Watkins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sergio Snider	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jaden Miller	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hunter Rioux	-	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	**16**	**1-3**	**14-14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**113**
Opponents	**10**	**6-6**	**7-8**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**87**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Louisiana Tech	28	49	14	22	0	113
Opponents	20	13	23	31	0	87

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Lexington Matthews	11	483	43.9	58	1	2	3	4	0
Total	**11**	**483**	**43.9**	**58**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Opponents	**15**	**601**	**40.1**	**59**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dedrick Latulas	5	99	19.8	1	58
Luke Watkins	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**6**	**99**	**16.5**	**1**	**58**
Opponents	**6**	**48**	**8.0**	**0**	**27**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dedrick Latulas	3	65	21.7	0	32
Eli Finley	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	**4**	**77**	**19.3**	**0**	**32**
Opponents	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jalen Mickens	3	45	297	0	0	0	342	114.0
Dedrick Latulas	3	0	10	99	65	0	174	58.0
Eli Finley	3	0	132	0	12	0	144	48.0
Trey Kukuk	3	127	0	0	0	0	127	42.3
Talyn Shettron	3	37	80	0	0	0	117	39.0
Jordan Mcrae	3	0	0	0	0	100	100	33.3
Andrew Burnette	3	68	-1	0	0	0	67	22.3
Dylone Brooks	3	50	16	0	0	0	66	22.0
Jaden Miller	3	46	6	0	0	0	52	17.3
Marcus Calwise Jr.	3	0	39	0	0	0	39	13.0
Jay Wilkerson	3	0	35	0	0	0	35	11.7
Luke Watkins	3	-6	38	0	0	0	32	10.7
Zheric Hill	3	0	0	0	0	25	25	8.3
Rayshun Hurt	2	17	0	0	0	0	17	8.5
Sergio Snider	2	17	0	0	0	0	17	8.5
Brayden Bockler	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
David Pierro	3	-2	3	0	0	0	1	0.3
Blake Baker	2	-26	0	0	0	0	-26	-13.0
Total	**3**	**367**	**662**	**99**	**77**	**125**	**1330**	**443.3**
Opponents	**3**	**398**	**677**	**48**	**0**	**32**	**1155**	**385.0**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Trey Kukuk	3	71	127	283	410	136.7
Blake Baker	2	48	-26	360	334	167.0
Andrew Burnette	3	19	68	0	68	22.7
Dylone Brooks	3	9	50	0	50	16.7
Jaden Miller	3	19	46	0	46	15.3
Jalen Mickens	3	4	45	0	45	15.0
Talyn Shettron	3	1	37	0	37	12.3
Rayshun Hurt	2	5	17	0	17	8.5
Sergio Snider	2	6	17	0	17	8.5
Joshua Brantley	1	1	0	16	16	16.0
Jackson Bradley	1	4	0	3	3	3.0
David Pierro	3	1	-2	0	-2	-0.7
Luke Watkins	3	1	-6	0	-6	-2.0
Total	**3**	**192**	**367**	**662**	**1029**	**343.0**
Opponents	**3**	**213**	**398**	**677**	**1075**	**358.3**

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
24	Alonzo Jackson Jr.	3	15	11	26	6-20	3-16	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Sam Fongang	3	11	10	21	3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Jadon Mayfield	3	9	9	18	4-15	1-10	.	.	.	1-4	.	.	.
10	Kolbe Fields	3	8	9	17	4-18	1-12	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
0	Jordan Mcrae	3	9	8	17	.	.	1-100	.	.	.	1	.	.
16	Taeden Rogers	3	13	4	17	1-2	.	.	1	.	1-5	.	.	.
21	Zheric Hill	3	5	10	15	3.5-12	.	1-25	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Ty Jones	2	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	MJ Moultrie II	3	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Kam Franklin	3	2	6	8	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Kaleb Coleman	3	1	6	7	1.5-6	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Grayson Hardy	3	1	5	6	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
7	Janard Lockhardt	3	2	4	6	0.5-1	.	.	4	.	1-35	.	.	.
98	Donovan Rieman	3	2	3	5	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Cole Watson	3	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Ayden Combs	3	2	3	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jacob Bradford	3	2	2	4	1-5	1-5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
92	Lane Condry	3	2	2	4	2.5-13	2-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	ZaQwaun Nunn	3	1	3	4	1-1	1-1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
72	Hayden Christman	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Judd Rouyea	3	1	1	2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Amari Butler	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
30	Zander Hayes	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Jojo Odom	3	.	2	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Nathan Green	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Jeremiah Smith	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Amari Wilks	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Ean Burch	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Justice Williams	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
25	Colton Deckard	2	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Will Hutchens	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Ahkhari Johnson	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jacoryian Crowe	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Demario Bookhart	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Zachary Jackson	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Daylin Page	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	David Pierro	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Javari Lockhart	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jaylon Parnell	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Emanual Collins	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Jaden McIver	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	AJ Tarvin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Harrison Williams	1	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Kameron Carter	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
14	Damien Richard II	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**3**	**108**	**128**	**236**	**33-114**	**10-64**	**4-125**	**10**	**3**	**3-44**	**4**	**1**	**0**
	Opponents	3	108	76	184	19-64	9-39	2-32	12	14	3-25	4	0	0

OFFENSE STARTERS

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	WR	RB	QB
NORTHWESTERN STATE	CHRISTMAN	COLE	BRACKINS III	ELLIS	SMITH III	FINLEY	MICKENS	WILKERSON	SHETTRON	MILLER	BAKER
#8 LSU	CHRISTMAN	COLE	BRACKINS III	ELLIS	SMITH III	FINLEY	MICKENS	WILKERSON	SHETTRON	MILLER	BAKER
BAYLOR	CHRISTMAN	COLE	BRACKINS III	ELLIS	SMITH III	FINLEY	MICKENS	WILKERSON	SHETTRON	MILLER	KUKUK

DEFENSE STARTERS

OPPONENT	DE	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	CB	SS	FS	STAR
NORTHWESTERN STATE	RIEMAN	BRADFORD	ROUYEA	FIELDS	HILL	JACKSON JR.	LOCKHARDT	BUTLER	FONGANG	MCRAE	ROGERS
#8 LSU	RIEMAN	BRADFORD	ROUYEA	FIELDS	HILL	JACKSON JR.	LOCKHARDT	BUTLER	FONGANG	MCRAE	ROGERS
BAYLOR	RIEMAN	BRADFORD	ROUYEA	FIELDS	HILL	JACKSON JR.	LOCKHARDT	BUTLER	FONGANG	MCRAE	ROGERS



RUSTON - Louisiana Tech opened the 2026 season in historic fashion Saturday night, opening the 2026 season with an 80-6 victory over Northwestern State at Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium. Tech's 80 points marked the most the Bulldogs have scored as a Division I program, while the 74-point margin of victory was the largest against an FCS or FBS opponent in a season opener in program history.

It is also the most points ever scored at Joe Aillet Stadium.

The Bulldogs (1-0) scored touchdowns on their first 11 possessions of the game, marking the first time in program history LA Tech had found the end zone on each of its first 11 drives. The Bulldogs also scored 63 points in the first half, the most in a half on record in program history—42 of which came during a second-quarter outburst.

Quarterback Blake Baker led the offensive attack in the first half, completing 10 of 14 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns. Trey Kukuk added four completions on four attempts for 45 yards and two touchdowns, while Joshua Brantley, a native of Ruston, completed his lone pass attempt for a 16-yard touchdown to Talyn Shettron on a trick play in the opening quarter.

Jalen Mickens provided one of the game's biggest plays, hauling in three passes for 133 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown reception on the first offensive play of the season. Eli Finley added four catches for 52 yards and a touchdown, while Shettron accounted for two touchdowns, including a 37-yard rushing score.

The Bulldogs finished with 528 total yards, including 296 through the air and 232 on the ground. Dylone Brooks rushed for 48 yards and a touchdown, while Jaden Miller and Sergio Snider each added rushing touchdowns for their first scores in a Bulldog uniform.

Louisiana Tech's defense was equally dominant, limiting Northwestern State (0-2) to 129 total yards. The Bulldogs held the Demons to 86 rushing yards on 45 attempts, an average of 1.9 yards per rush, and recorded 13 tackles for loss.

The 129 total yards allowed were the fewest by a Louisiana Tech team since the Bulldogs allowed 142 total yards to New Mexico State on Oct. 17, 2009.

Dedrick Latulas provided a spark on special teams, recording 107 all-purpose yards and returning a punt 58 yards for a touchdown. Logan Watkins and Latulas also caught touchdown passes from Kukuk in the second half. Latulas had the first punt returned for a touchdown for LA Tech since November 18, 2023 at Jacksonville State.

The Bulldogs return to action for their first road trip, taking on LSU at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge on Saturday, September 12. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. CT. on SEC Network+.

Notables

- 80 points were the most scored by Louisiana Tech as a Division I program
- 63 first-half points were the most scored in a half in program history
- Louisiana Tech scored touchdowns on its first 11 possessions, the first time in program history the Bulldogs accomplished the feat
- The 74-point margin of victory was the largest by Louisiana Tech against an FCS or FBS opponent in a season opener
- Northwestern State's 129 total yards were the fewest allowed by Louisiana Tech since the Bulldogs allowed 142 yards to New Mexico State on Oct. 17, 2009
- Louisiana Tech finished with 528 total yards, including 296 passing yards and 232 rushing yards
- The Bulldogs recorded 13 tackles for loss and held Northwestern State to 1.9 yards per rushing attempt
- Dedrick Latulas had the first punt return for a touchdown since November 18, 2023 at Jacksonville State, along with being the first player with a receiving touchdown and a punt returned for a touchdown since Paul Turner on September 5, 2015 vs. Southern
- Dylone Brooks, Luke Watkins, Joshua Brantley and Sergio Snider scored their first collegiate touchdowns, while Jaden Miller and Talyn Shettron had their first scores since arriving to Louisiana Tech

Team Statistics	NSU	LA Tech
First Downs	7	23
Net Yards Rushing	86	232
Net Yards Passing	43	296
Comp. - Att. - Int.	5-16-1	17-22-0
Avg. / Att.	2.7	13.5
Avg. / Comp.	8.6	17.4
TDs	0	6
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	129	528
Plays	61	59
Avg. / Play	2.1	8.9
Fumbles - Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties - Yards	6-64	2-15
PUNTS-YARDS	10-365	2-74
Avg. / Punt	36.5	37.0
Inside 20	0	2
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch	2	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-133	13-780
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	44.3	60.0
Touchbacks	0	12
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	1-0-0	5-97-1
Punt: Avg. / Return	0.0	19.4
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-12-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-0-0
Possession Time	35:08	24:52
Sacks: Total - Yards	0-0	2-13
PAT: Total - Made	0-0	11-11
Field Goals: Total - Made	2-2	1-1

Scoring Summary

1st 08:59 NWST - Williams III, Payne 33 yd field goal
1st 08:48 LAT - Mickens, Jalen 75 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Kent, Kaegen kick)
1st 07:52 LAT - Wilkerson, Jay 27 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Kent, Kaegen kick)
1st 04:04 LAT - Shettron, Talyn 16 yd pass from Brantley, Joshua (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 13:48 LAT - Brooks, Dylone 28 yd run (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 11:25 LAT - Shettron, Talyn 37 yd run (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 07:51 LAT - Finley, Eli 9 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 06:17 LAT - Latulas, Dedrick 58 yd punt return (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 04:05 LAT - Snider, Sergio 2 yd run (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 01:44 LAT - Miller, Jaden 7 yd run (Kent, Kaegen kick)
3rd 13:22 LAT - Watkins, Luke 35 yd pass from Kukuk, Trey (Kent, Kaegen kick)
3rd 06:28 LAT - Latulas, Dedrick 6 yd pass from Kukuk, Trey (Rioux, Hunter kick)
4th 08:56 LAT - Rioux, Hunter 49 yd field goal
4th 00:47 NWST - Williams III, Payne 37 yd field goal

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NSU	3	0	0	3	6
LA Tech	21	42	14	3	80

Stadium: Origin Bank Field at Joe Aillet Stadium
Kickoff Time: 6:32 p.m.
End of Game: 9:52 p.m.
Attendance: 13,108



BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana Tech's defense created opportunities throughout the night, including Jordan McRae who delivered a piece of program history, but the Bulldogs fell 45-14 to No. 8 LSU Saturday night at Tiger Stadium.

McRae provided Tech's (1-1) lone touchdown of the first half when he intercepted LSU (2-0) quarterback Sam Leavitt and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown with 1:53 remaining in the second quarter. The return marked the longest interception or fumble return in Louisiana Tech program history.

The Bulldogs forced four LSU turnovers in the first half, marking the most turnovers LA Tech had forced in a game since Sept. 22, 2012, when the Bulldogs forced six turnovers against Illinois. Louisiana Tech recorded three interceptions and recovered one fumble in the first half, with Zheric Hill, McRae and Kam Franklin accounting for the interceptions. McRae forced the fumble which was recovered by Janard Lockhardt and returned 35 yards.

The defense also established itself early against the Tigers' rushing attack. LSU was held to just 13 rushing yards in the first quarter, its fewest in the opening quarter since recording 10 yards against Southeastern on Sept. 20, 2025. The Bulldogs limited LSU to 44 rushing yards in the first half, LSU's lowest first-half rushing total since it recorded 29 yards against Nicholls on Sept. 7, 2024.

The Bulldogs continued to create disruption up front, recording 11 tackles for loss in the contest. Louisiana Tech's previous game with 10 tackles for loss came against Western Kentucky on Oct. 21, 2025. The Bulldogs had not recorded double-digit tackles for loss in consecutive games since 2019, when they did so against UMass on Oct. 12 and Southern Miss on Oct. 19.

McRae finished with 11 tackles, including five solo stops and six assists, while Alonzo Jackson Jr. led Louisiana Tech with 12 tackles and added three sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss.

Offensively, Jalen Mickens provided Louisiana Tech's biggest spark, hauling in six passes for 101 yards and a 67-yard touchdown from Blake Baker in the fourth quarter. Baker completed 11 of 21 passes for 128 yards and one touchdown, while Trey Kukuk added three completions for 15 yards.

Mickens is the first Bulldog with consecutive games posting 100 receiving yards since Tru Edwards in 2024. He had 127 yards receiving on six catches with a touchdown against Middle Tennessee followed with nine catches for 110 yards and two scores at New Mexico State.

Louisiana Tech was held to 132 total yards of offense, its lowest total since recording 154 yards at LSU on Sept. 6, 2025.

The Bulldogs are back on the road next week, heading to Waco, Texas to face Baylor at McLane Stadium on Saturday, September 19. It will be the seventh all-time meeting between the two programs, and the first meeting since 1996. The Bulldogs have not made a visit to the Bears in Waco since 1994.

NOTABLES

- Longest interception or fumble return in program history by Jordan McRae (100 yards)
- Four first-half turnovers (most forced in a game since Sept. 22, 2012 – forced 6 turnovers against Illinois – 5 fumbles, 1 INT; first half had 3 fumbles, two fumbles and INT in second half)
- Held LSU to 13 rushing yards in first quarter—least LSU has been held to in 1Q since they had 10 yards against Southeastern (Sept. 20, 2025)
- Held LSU to 44 yards rushing in first half—lowest since recording 29 first-half rushing yards vs. Nicholls (Sept. 7, 2024)
- Last time LA Tech had 10 tackles for a loss was Oct. 21, 2025 vs. Western Kentucky, and have back-to-back games with 10 tackles for a loss since 2019 (Oct. 12 vs. UMass and Oct. 19 vs. Southern Miss)
- LA Tech held to 132 total yards of offense—lowest since having 154 total yards at LSU last year (Sept. 6, 2025)
- Most points scored against LSU since 2009 (Scored 16, lost 24-16)
- Jalen Mickens is the first Bulldog with back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since Tru Edwards in 2024 (9 rec, 127 yds, 1 TD vs. Middle Tennessee – Oct. 10; 9 rec, 110 yds, 2 TD at New Mexico State – Oct. 15)

Team Statistics	LA Tech	LSU
First Downs	8	26
Net Yards Rushing	-4	147
Net Yards Passing	143	381
Comp. - Att. - Int.	14-24-1	27-41-3
Avg. / Att.	6.0	9.3
Avg. / Comp.	10.2	14.1
TDs	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	139	528
Plays	55	84
Avg. / Play	2.5	6.3
Fumbles - Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties - Yards	5-50	10-101
PUNTS-YARDS	6-294	3-130
Avg. / Punt	49.0	43.3
Inside 20	0	2
50+ Yards	4	1
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch	0	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-193	9-585
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	64.3	65.0
Touchbacks	2	8
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	1-2-0	4-44-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	2.0	11.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	1-32-0	0-0-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	3-125-1	1-32-0
Possession Time	25:48	34:12
Sacks: Total - Yards	5-28	8-39
PAT: Total - Made	2-2	4-4
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-1	3-3

Scoring Summary

1st 06:36 LSU - #80 Starzyk, Scott 29 yd field goal
1st 03:46 LSU - Leavitt, Sam 5 yd run (Starzyk, Scott kick)
2nd 01:53 LAT - McRae, Jordan 100 yd interception (Kent, Kaegen kick)
3rd 10:12 LSU - Starzyk, Scott 25 yd field goal
3rd 04:32 LSU - Leavitt, Sam 9 yd run (Starzyk, Scott kick)
3rd 02:12 LSU - Starzyk, Scott 23 yd field goal
4th 13:32 LSU - Leavitt, Sam 5 yd run (Starzyk, Scott kick)
4th 09:39 LSU - Green, Trey'Dez 10 yd pass from Leavitt, Sam (Starzyk, Scott kick)
4th 08:08 LAT - Mickens, Jalen 67 yd pass from Baker, Blake (Kent, Kaegen kick)
4th 01:48 LSU - Clark, Landen 7 yd run (Starzyk, Scott kick)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
LA Tech	0	7	0	7	14
LSU	10	0	14	21	45

Stadium: Tiger Stadium
Kickoff Time: 6:32 p.m.
End of Game: 10:00 p.m.
Attendance: 102,321



WACO, Texas – Louisiana Tech built an early offensive rhythm and continued to create opportunities defensively, but Baylor pulled away in the second half as the Bulldogs fell 36-19 to the Bears Saturday afternoon at McLane Stadium.

LA Tech (1-2) opened the game with its longest opening drive against a Power Four opponent in the 21st century, marching 75 yards on 15 plays over 6:59. Quarterback Trey Kukuk completed his first four passes of the game, including a 31-yard completion to Jalen Mickens, before Andrew Burnette capped the possession with a 2-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7. The Bulldogs converted all three of their third-down attempts on their first possession.

Baylor (2-1) answered with a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to take a 20-7 lead. The Bears' second touchdown came on a 51-yard pass from Nate Bennett to Louis Brown IV, but LA Tech's Kam Franklin blocked the ensuing extra point to keep the deficit at 13 points.

The Bulldogs continued to generate defensive plays before halftime. Kolbe Fields led Louisiana Tech with seven tackles through two quarters and recorded a sack, while Alonzo Jackson Jr., Jadon Mayfield and ZaQwaun Nunn each added tackles for loss. Nunn also forced a fumble late in the second quarter that was recovered by Mayfield.

Baylor extended its advantage to 29-7 in the third quarter, but Louisiana Tech continued to fight. Eli Finley caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Kukuk with 8:18 remaining, and Jalen Mickens added a 2-yard rushing touchdown less than three minutes later to cut the deficit to 29-19.

Baylor answered with another touchdown to put the game away. Bennett finished 21-of-24 for 253 yards and three touchdowns, while Jayden McGowan caught two touchdown passes. Kukuk led the Bulldogs with 75 rushing yards and completed 25 of 44 passes for 223 yards and a touchdown.

Finley posted season-best marks for the season with eight receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown, while Mickens finished with four catches for 63 yards. Marcus Calwise Jr. added four receptions for 36 yards—both new single-game highs as a Bulldog for the Eastern Kentucky transfer.

With the loss, Louisiana Tech falls to 1-6 all-time against Baylor and 1-4 in games played in Waco, with Saturday's game being the first-ever meeting at McLane Stadium. The Bulldogs will enter a bye week before hosting Army at home inside Joe Aillet Stadium on Saturday, October 3 for a rematch from the 2024 Independence Bowl. Kickoff with the Black Knights in Ruston is to be announced at a later date.

FINAL GAME LEADERS
Passing: Trey Kukuk – 25-of-44, 223 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT
Rushing: Trey Kukuk – 11 carries, 75 yards
Receiving: Eli Finley – 8 receptions, 65 yards, 1 TD
Receiving: Jalen Mickens – 4 receptions, 63 yards
Tackles: Kolbe Fields – 9
Tackles for Loss: Kolbe Fields – 3
Sacks: Kolbe Fields – 1; Jadon Mayfield – 1; ZaQwaun Nunn – 1
Forced Fumbles: ZaQwaun Nunn – 1
Fumble Recoveries: Jadon Mayfield – 1

NOTABLES
- The 15-play touchdown drive on the opening possession against Baylor was the longest opening drive for the Bulldogs against a Power 4 team in the 21st century
- Alonzo Jackson Jr., Jadon Mayfield and Za'Qwaun Nunn also have a TFL in first half
- Three-straight games forcing a turnover this season and six-straight games forcing a turnover since 2025
- New season highs for Eli Finley with eight catches and 65 receiving yards and his second touchdown of the season (most receiving yards for Finley in a game since having 154 receiving yards on six catches vs. Southern Miss in 2025)
- Season-high 75 rushing yards for Trey Kukuk
- Season-high 36 yards receiving on a season-high 4 catches for Marcus Calwise Jr. (First game as a Bulldog with multiple catches)
- Jalen Mickens finished with 63 receiving yards to give him 297 on the season; leads team in receiving yards and second in catches

Team Statistics	LA Tech	Baylor
First Downs	25	22
Net Yards Rushing	139	165
Net Yards Passing	223	253
Comp. - Att. - Int.	25-44-1	21-24-0
Avg. / Att.	5.1	10.5
Avg. / Comp.	8.9	12.0
TDs	1	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	362	418
Plays	78	68
Avg. / Play	4.6	6.1
Fumbles - Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties - Yards	9-81	10-90
PUNTS-YARDS	3-115	2-106
Avg. / Punt	38.3	53.0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair Catch	1	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-130	7-454
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	65.0	64.9
Touchbacks	2	4
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-4-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	0.0	4.0
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	2-33-0	0-0-0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	1-0-0
Possession Time	32:18	27:42
Sacks: Total - Yards	3-23	1-0
PAT: Total - Made	1-1	3-4
Field Goals: Total - Made	0-1	1-1

Scoring Summary
1st 10:37 BAY - Bennett, Nate 25 yd run (Armstrong, Rhett kick)
1st 03:38 LAT - Burnette, Andrew 2 yd run (Kent, Kaegen kick)
2nd 12:08 BAY - Pendergrass, Dawson 1 yd run (Armstrong, Rhett kick)
2nd 10:38 BAY - Brown IV, Louis 51 yd pass from Bennett, Nate (XP blocked by Hardy, Grayson)
3rd 10:14 BAY - McGowan, Jayden 43 yd pass from Bennett, Nate (2pt failed)
3rd 01:45 BAY - Armstrong, Rhett 23 yd field goal
4th 08:18 LAT - Finley, Eli 19 yd pass from Kukuk, Trey (2pt failed)
4th 05:14 LAT - Mickens, Jalen 2 yd run (2pt failed)
4th 04:10 BAY - McGowan, Jayden 36 yd pass from Bennett, Nate (Armstrong, Rhett kick)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
LA Tech	7	0	0	12	19
Baylor	7	13	9	7	36

Stadium: McLane Stadium
Kickoff Time: 3:05 p.m.
End of Game: 6:30 p.m.
Attendance: 41,343